



U.S. Economic Development Administration

FY25 Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Grant

**Ysleta Port of Entry Short-Term
Improvements Feasibility Study**

November 12, 2024



STRATEGIC PLAN

- **GOAL 7: ENHANCE AND SUSTAIN EL PASO'S INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK**
- **GOAL 1.5: Stimulate economic growth through transit and bridges integration**

AGENDA

1. EDA Funding Overview
2. Ysleta Port Development History
3. Scope of Work
4. Budget and Match
5. Council Action



EDA Funding History

Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Program

- \$33 million available for planning and design in FY24
- Average award size: \$650,000

Recent EDA Grant Programs

- Recompete Pilot Program Finalist (City of El Paso) - 2023
- \$25M Build Back Better Grant (City of El Paso) - 2022
- \$15M Build Back Better Grant (UTEP) - 2022
- \$1.5M Build to Scale Grant (UTEP) – 2021
- \$5M Economic Adjustment Assistance (EP County) - 2021



Ysleta Port Development History

Recent and Ongoing Expansion Projects:

- Access improvements on TX-375 (2018)
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) (2019)
- Improvements on Pan American / Winn / Southside roads (2020)
- Rio del Norte truck route improvements (2021)
- Pedestrian improvements (Raise Grant- ongoing)
- Americas Managed Lanes Project on TX-375 (ongoing)
- Bridges facilities improvements (**Bridges CIP 2024**)*
- Southbound Commercial Facilities Expansion Project (**USDOT grant**)*
- Short-Term Feasibility Study (**current EDA grant proposal**)

Projects with El Paso Water:

- Improvements on Playa Drain Canal (planned)
- Improvements Riverside Industrial Center (ongoing)



Scope of Work

Feasibility planning for capacity improvements for the Ysleta Port of Entry

- Conceptual design and renderings
- Project cost estimates
- Permitting and environmental work
- Traffic modeling

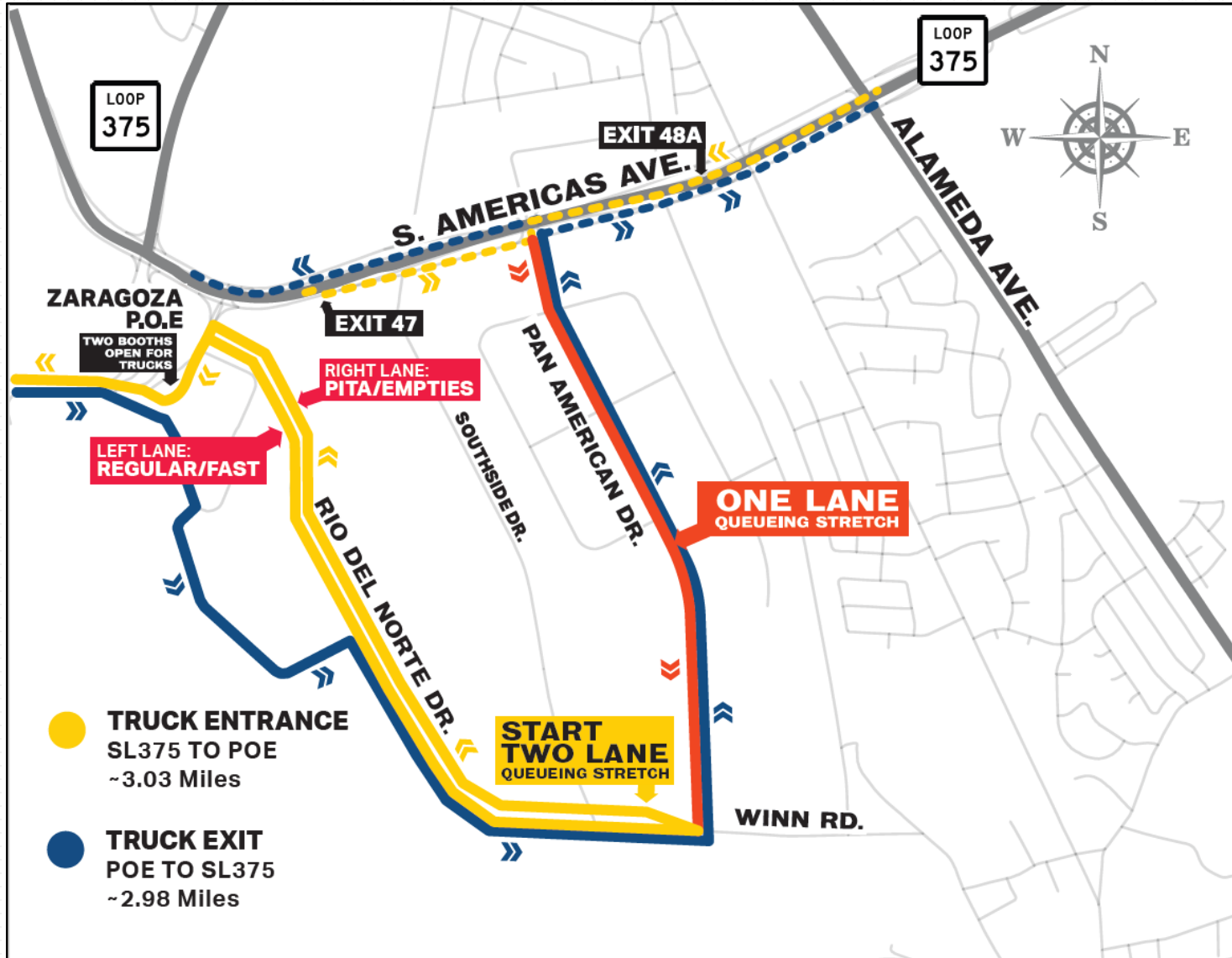
Economic Impact Analysis (EIA)

- User impacts: commercial, personal vehicle, pedestrian
- Regional impacts from BOTA closures
- Policy recommendations

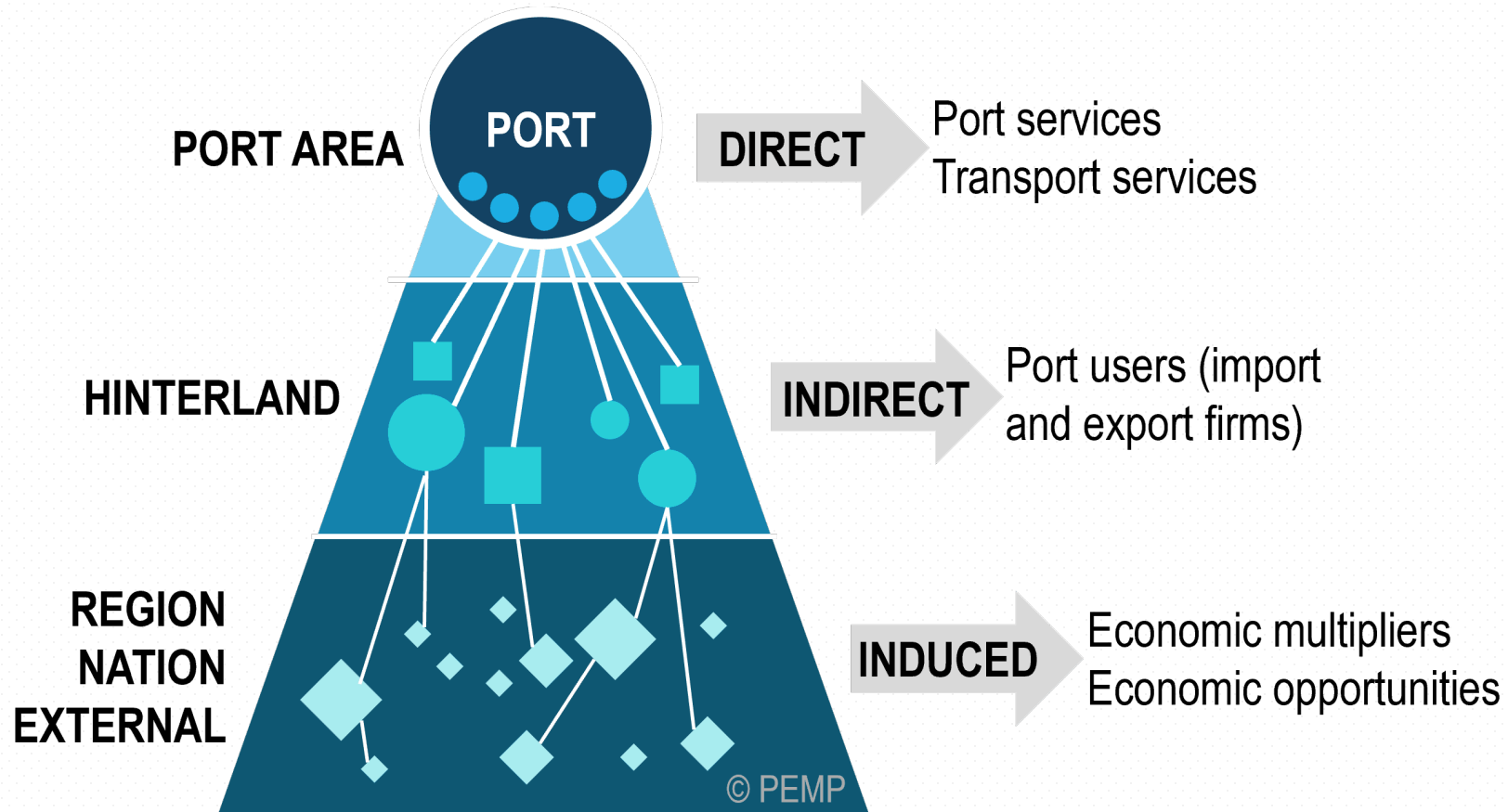
***Apply for up to \$2 million for implementation in FY26**



Scope of Work: Capacity Improvements



Scope of Work: Economic Impact Analysis



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Budget and Match

Grant Request: \$400,000 (60%)

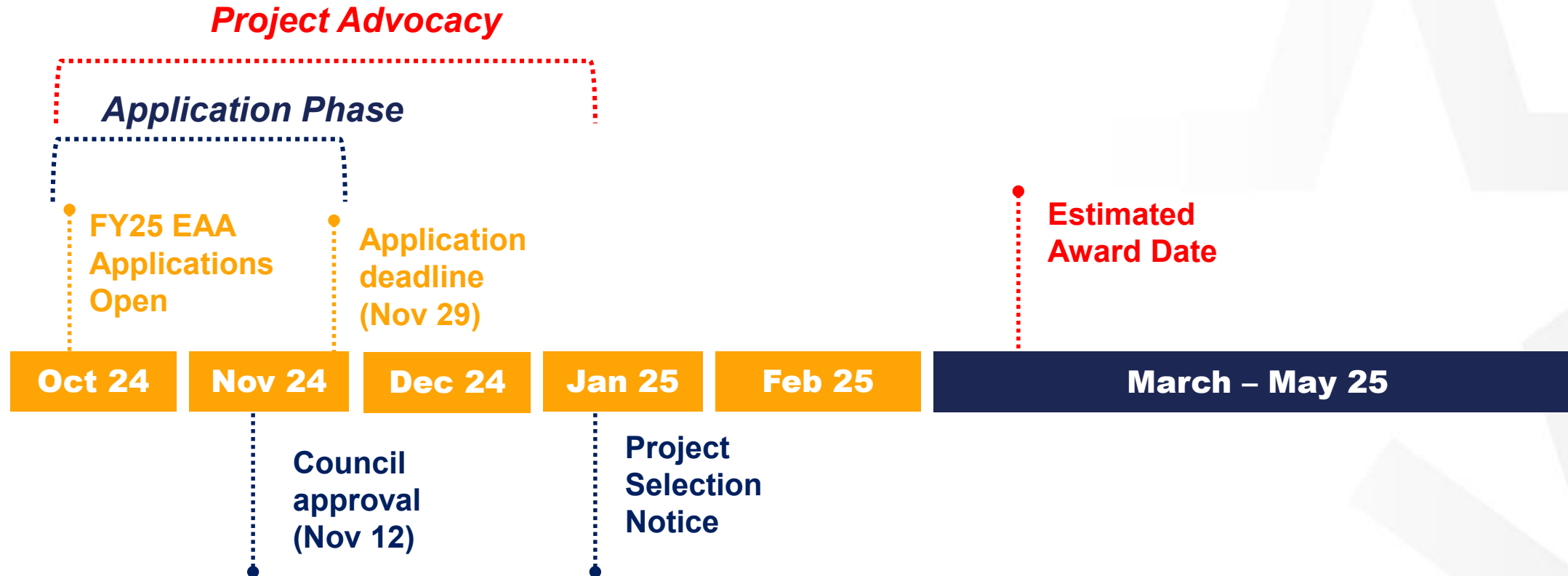
City of El Paso: \$270,000 (40%)

Total Project: \$670,000 (100%)

Funding Source: Bridge revenues



Grant Timeline



Council Action

Discussion and action that the City of El Paso City Council authorizes the submission of an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Fiscal Year 2025 Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) grant program ("Grant Program") requesting funds in the amount of \$400,000.00 from the Grant Program, with a \$270,000.00 match required from the City, for a total of \$670,000.00 for the Ysleta Port of Entry Short-Term Improvements Feasibility Study.

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