

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Railroad Administration is currently accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (“CRISI”) grant program.; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso has identified the Zaragoza Rail Grade Separation Project (the “Project”) as worthy of funding for the CRISI grant program; and

WHEREAS, funds received for the Project would be used to replace the at-grade rail crossing on Zaragoza Road with an above-grade overpass; and

WHEREAS, the Project would require \$5,702,400 in non-federal matching funds; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2024, the El Paso County Commissioners Court approved a Resolution to contribute \$2,138,400 (7.5%) in non-federal matching funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2024, a representative from Union Pacific Railroad confirmed participation in the Project upon meeting permitting and design criteria required by Union Pacific Railroad via compliance with 23 CFR §646.210 (b)(3), equivalent to \$1,425,600 (5%) in non-federal matching funds for the project; and

WHEREAS, the remaining non-federal matching funds required for the Project are \$2,138,400 (7.5%).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT City staff is authorized to submit an application to the Federal Railroad Administration Fiscal Year 2024 CRISI program requesting funds in the amount of \$22,809,600, with a \$2,138,400 (7.5%) match required from the City, for the Zaragoza Rail Grade Separation Project;

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any documents necessary for the proper submission of said application;

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any documents necessary to accept a grant resulting from said application, after consultation with the City Attorney’s Office;

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any documents related to a grant resulting from the application, including, but not limited to, revisions to the project scope, and revisions that increase, decrease or de-obligate program funds;

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to explore funding sources and partnerships that leverage the strength of said application and any grant resulting from said application.

(Signatures on next page.)

APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2024.


CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeson
Mayor

ATTEST:

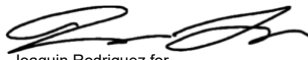
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