



CITY OF EL PASO

**City of El Paso
Capital Improvement Department
Budget Transfer Requests
EL Paso ZOO**

April 14, 2026



Zoo Portfolio

- Sealion Pool Repairs
- Asia Forest Skylight Roof Replacement
- South American Pavilion Improvements
- Zoo Wide Improvements (AZA requirements)

Sealion Pool Repairs

Reason for Budget Increase

- To cover the construction costs needed to repair the sea lion pools.
- For procuring a qualified material testing lab to conduct material testing services to ensure the repairs are conducted properly.
- CID construction manager to oversee the project throughout the construction phase.
- CID construction inspector to provide quality control and assurance for the repairs being conducted by the contractor.

General Scope of Work

- Remove existing concrete coatings and repair concrete cracks at the Sea Lion Pool Areas with a two-component flexible epoxy membrane.

Sealion Pool Repairs

Available Budge:	\$84,636.14
Budget Increase Request:	\$62,145.77
New Total Budget:	\$146,781.91
District:	2
Funding Source Request	QOL Project Savings - PCPBALANCE



Existing Conditions



Asia Forest Skylight Roof Replacement

Reason for Budget Increase

- Additional funding is required due to increased construction costs exceeding the original project construction budget.

Scope of Work

- Remove the existing fiberglass translucent roofing system, including associated gutters and downspouts.
- Paint existing metal structural framing and louvers.
- Install new fiberglass translucent roofing panels, gutters, and downspouts.

Asia Forest Skylight Roof Replacement

Available Budget:	\$691,063.08
Budget Increase Request:	\$220,448.63
New Total Budget:	\$911,511.71
District:	2
Funding Source Request:	QOL Investment Interest



Existing Conditions



South American Pavilion Improvements

Reason for Budget Increase

- Additional funding is required to provide aquatic life support and filtration system components required for the proper operation of both aquariums.

Scope of Work

- Rainforest-themed aesthetic upgrades, lighting and signage improvements, drainage enhancements, and exhibit modifications, including updated tank systems and removal of outdated structures.

South American Pavilion Improvements

Available Budget:	\$2,165,214.50
Budget Increase Request:	\$206,758.86
New Total Budget:	\$2,371,973.36
District:	2
Funding Source Request:	QOL Investment Interest



Existing Conditions



Zoo Wide Improvements (Association of Zoos and Aquariums-AZA)

Reason for Budget Increase

- Additional funding is required to support comprehensive, Zoo wide improvements, safety, and facility infrastructure, to meet the standards and requirements for AZA accreditation.

Scope of Work

- Zoo wide improvements that include but are not limited to; earthwork, site grading, asphalt pavement, replacement of exhibits guardrails and handrails, modification to bridge approaches and concrete work.

ZOO Wide Improvements (AZA)

Available Budget:	\$43,626.49
Budget Increase Request:	\$805,485.61
New Total Budget:	\$849,112.10
District:	2
Funding Source Request:	QOL- Investment Interest



Existing Conditions



Request for Action

- That the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate the budget transfers from the Zoo PCP Balance Project Savings and Investment Interest Funds in support of allocating additional funds to:
 - Asia Forest Roof Replacement
 - Sea Lion Exhibit Upgrade
 - South American Pavilion Exhibit Upgrade
 - Zoo Wide Improvements (AZA Accreditation).

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