

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

2025-2026

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VENUES MANAGED

Judson F. Williams Convention Center

- **Construction/Opening:** Opened as the new El Paso Civic Center in 1972.
- **Renovations:** Major expansion/remodel completed May 2002

The Plaza Theatre

- **Construction /Opening:** Opened September 12, 1930.
- **Renovations:** Extensive restoration reopened March 17, 2006.

Abraham Chavez Theatre

- **Construction/Opening:** Built/erected 1974

McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre & Pavilion

- **Construction/Opening:** Amphitheatre opened July 4, 1976

El Paso Water Parks:

Camp Cohen, Chapoteo, Lost Kingdom, Oasis

STRATEGIC PLANNING SHIFT

- Aligns capital projects with other departments' CIPs, optimizing project timing
- Enhances transparency by providing a dedicated, focused review of all major investments
- Facilitates strategic, long-term asset management and robust prioritization decisions.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

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Investing in El Paso's Infrastructure & Experience



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- Completed major HVAC replacements at the Plaza Theatre and Convention Center
 - Enhanced guest experience with audio visual upgrades,
 - Updated the parking automation system in the Convention Center Parking Garage
 - Supported operational excellence with new kitchen equipment
 - Purchased properties for Convention Center expansion

UPCOMING PROJECTS

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2026 Capital Improvements: *Smart, Safe, Sustainable*

Upcoming projects focus on extending facility life, cutting operating costs, and aligning with the City's Climate Action Plan.



- Modern HVAC and automation upgrades across venues
- Fire and life safety system replacements
- Energy-saving solar array at the Convention Center
- Infrastructure renewal: plumbing, electrical, and structural improvements
- Enhancements to guest-facing amenities and operational systems

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PROJECT *DEEP DIVES*

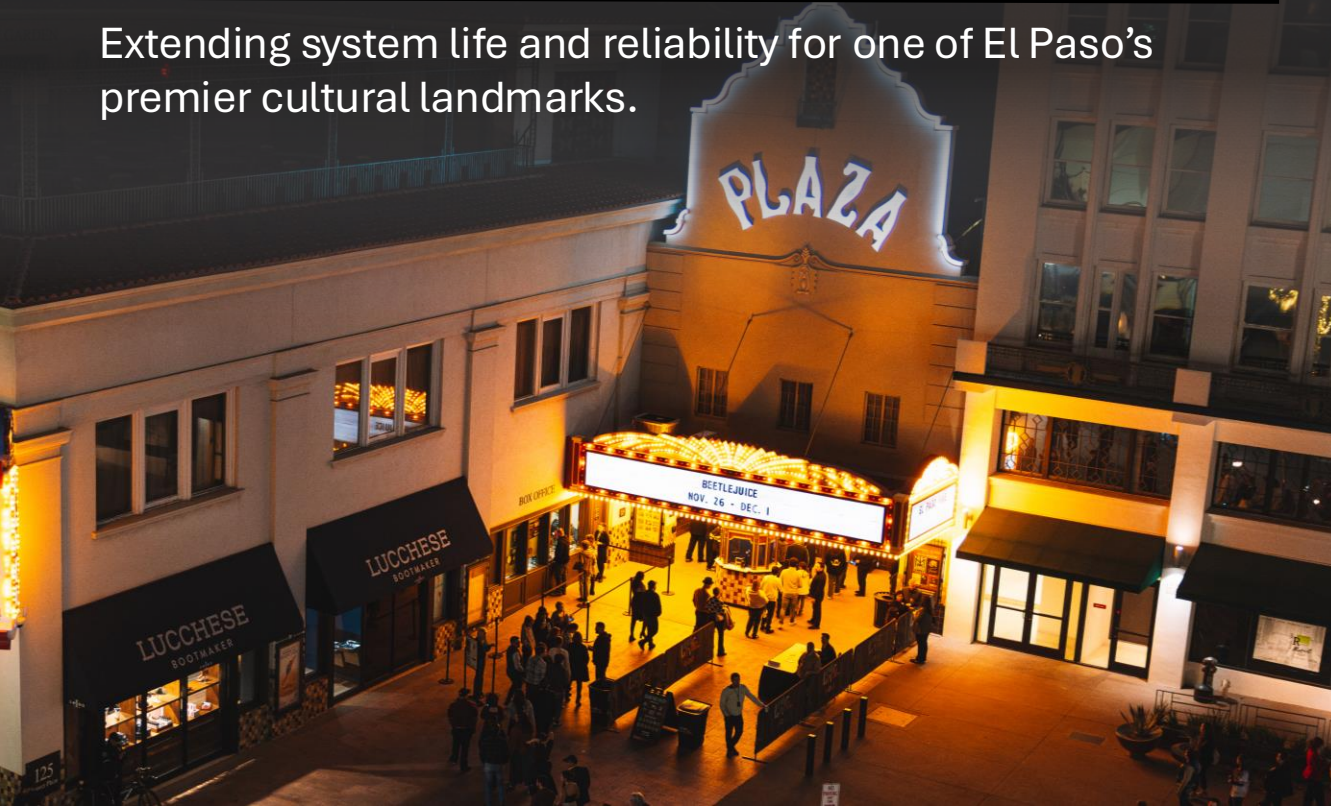
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Plaza Theatre HVAC Modernization

Extending system life and reliability for one of El Paso's premier cultural landmarks.



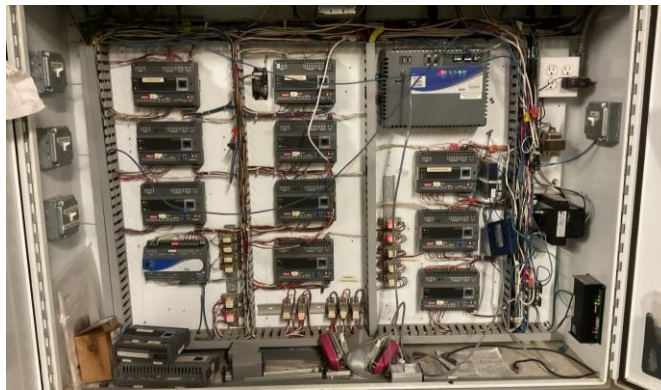
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- Replace 250-Ton and 80-Ton chillers
 - Replace chilled/hot-water pumps and shut-off valves
 - Upgrade to outdated controllers and thermostats
 - \$660,000

Convention Center HVAC & Controls Upgrade

Ensuring year-round comfort and operational efficiency.

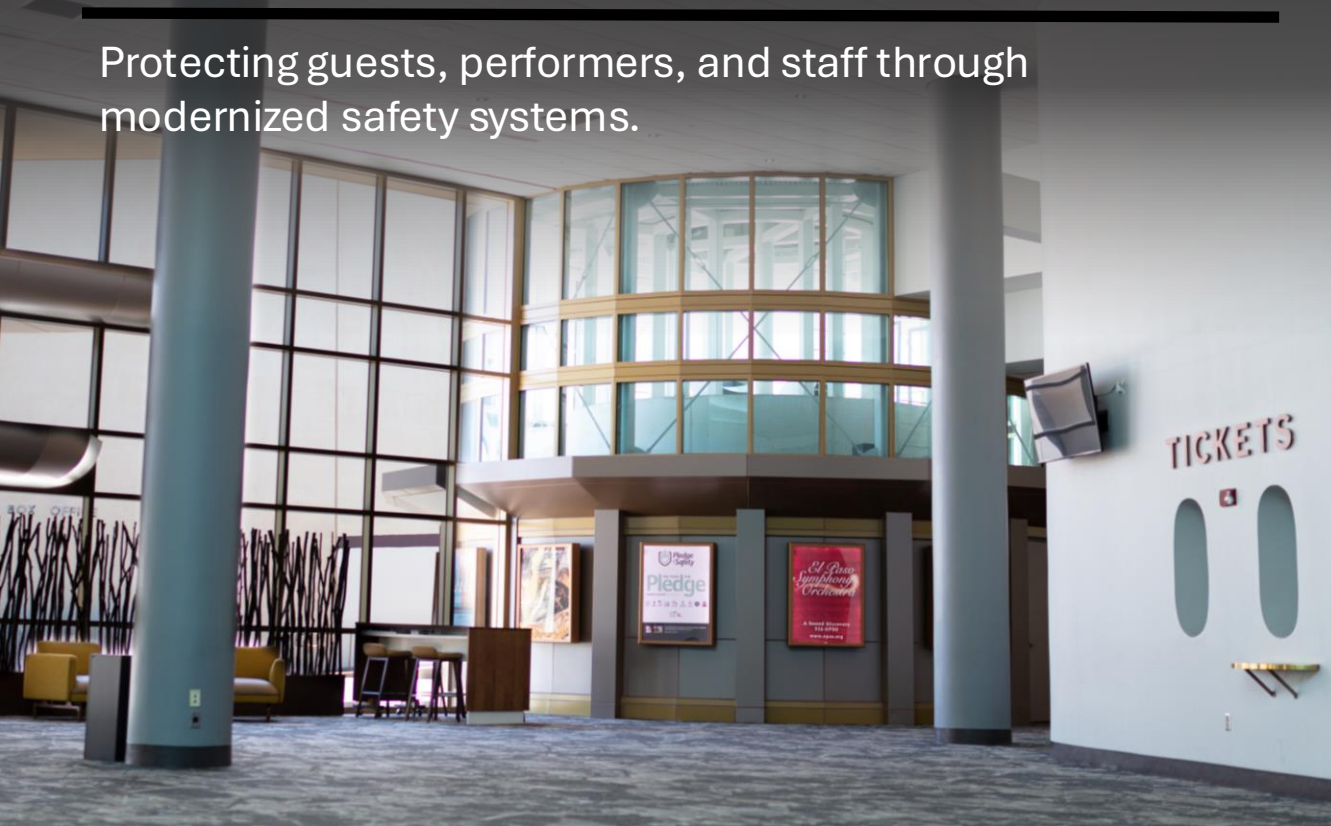


- Replace chilled and hot-water pumps
- Replace valve assemblies and electronic actuators
- Improve energy efficiency and system responsiveness
- \$1.25 million

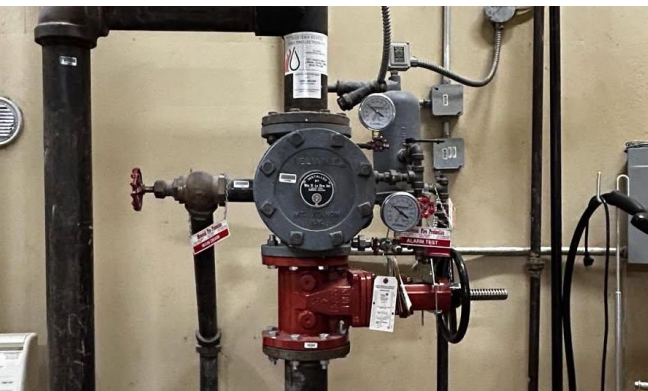


Fire & Life Safety System Upgrade

Protecting guests, performers, and staff through modernized safety systems.



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- Replace aged detectors, alarms, and control panels
 - Full compliance with NFPA & local codes
 - Enhances reliability and reduces false alarms
 - \$100,000



Kitchen Equipment Enhancements

Meeting rising demand for high-volume event catering.



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- Add rational oven and additional fryers to support kitchen operation
 - Expands menu flexibility and speed of service
 - Supports larger event capacity and revenue generation
 - \$90,000

Convention Center Solar Project

A flagship sustainability initiative aligning with the City's Climate Action Plan.



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- Generates 750,000 kWh annually, offsetting nearly 40% of the facility's highest usage
 - Fulfills a key priority of the Climate Action Plan and resident focus areas
 - Removes 9.5 million pounds of CO₂ over 25 years (equal to 5,175 acres of trees)
 - Project funding is amplified by up to 40% reimbursement from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).
 - \$1.6 million

Sky Garden Floor & Philanthropy Theatre Repairs

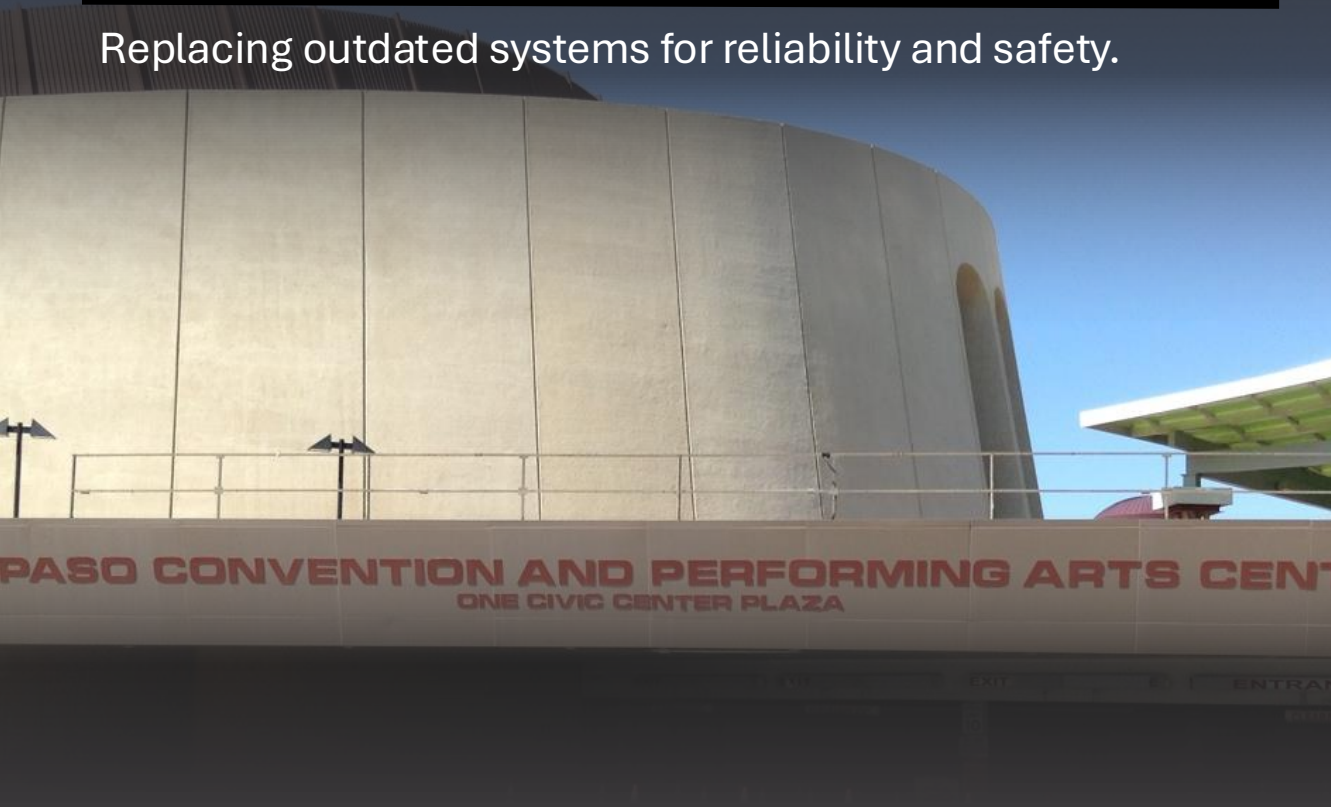
Addressing water infiltration to preserve historic spaces.



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- Replace failing tile system, waterproof substrate
 - Prevent structural and interior damage
 - Protects theatre assets and extends building life
 - \$138,000

Electrical & Plumbing Upgrades

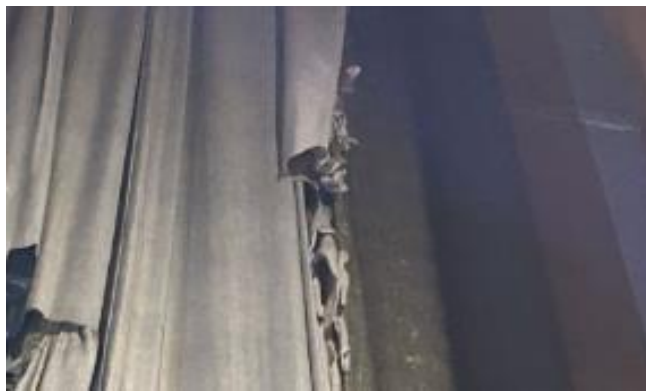
Replacing outdated systems for reliability and safety.



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- Replace 1970s panel breakers in parking garage
 - Continue cast-iron plumbing replacement to PVC
 - Modern exhaust fans and controls
 - \$240,000

Theater Drapes Replacement

Preserving the quality and safety of performance spaces.



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- New mainstage and backdrop drapes for Chavez & Plaza Theatres
 - Improves safety compliance and visual appeal
 - \$60,000

Emergency A/C for Backup Generator

Protecting vital systems from heat failure.



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- Dedicated A/C for generator room
 - Prevents overheating of electrical panels during operation
 - \$20,000

Proposed Projects

Project	Description	Cost
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TOTAL		\$4.16 million

THANK YOU!

\$4.2 million in total 2026 CIP investments | Focused on safety, efficiency, and sustainability

Designed to serve El Paso's next 25 years of growth

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