CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS AGENDA ITEM AGENDA SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council **AGENDA DATE:** October 8, 2024

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Representative Josh Acevedo – 915-212-0002

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL

Goal 8 - Nurture & Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Approve and adopt a letter by the El Paso City Council in support of the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) identification of Alternative 4 for the Bridge of the Americas port project in El Paso, Texas before the 45-day public comment period, which ends on November 4, 2024.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The purpose of this proposal is to support the GSA's identification of Alternative 4 for the multilevel modernization of the Bridge of the Americas to accommodate pedestrian and non-commercial vehicle traffic, with the elimination of commercial cargo traffic. After multiple public comment periods, residents in the surrounding neighborhood of the Bridge of the Americas have cited health and safety concerns caused by commercial cargo traffic. After numerous public meetings, the GSA is in agreement that this is a public health issue.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

N/A

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?