

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA DATE: August 30, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Anne Guayante, 915-212-1623
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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: No. 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development.

SUBGOAL:

SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution to authorize the City Manager to accept and sign a grant agreement for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and Related Improvements Project. This authorization shall include the original grant agreement, any related modifications, and any other documents when the form and substance of those documents have been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's Office, and the authorization will include the ability to sign multiple agreements and documents, as the grant might be issued in various disbursement. That the City Manager may be authorized to approve and sign any budget transfers needed to establish appropriations in connection with this grant. The total grant amount shall include an estimated federal share of \$12,000,000 and an estimated match of \$3,000,000 to be paid for with P3 Funds, totaling \$15,000,000 for the Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and Related Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On February 15, 2022 City Council voted to support staff's submittal of the Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and Related Improvements Project for a RAISE Grant from the USDOT as part of the City's commitment to the success of its land ports of entry. On August 9, 2022, it was announced that this application was successful, and that USDOT has granted the City of El Paso a \$12,000,000 grant for this project, with a \$3,000,000 local match. This is the full requested amount.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

February 15, 2020: City Council voted to support staff's submittal of the Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian Improvement Project for a RAISE Grant from the USDOT

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

\$3 million dollars in required grant matching funds from International Bridges Restricted Fund (P3 program) – Dept. 564 - Fund 3360 - Division 64870.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: International Bridges Department

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvements Department

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

David A. Coronado

David Coronado,
Director, International Bridges Department
Revised 04/09/2021

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed the Infrastructure and Jobs Act of 2021 into law and appropriated \$1.5 billion to be awarded by the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) for fiscal year 2022 for Local and Regional Project Assistance Program Grants under the National Infrastructure Investments program; and,

WHEREAS, the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program provides communities of all sizes the opportunity to modernize their infrastructure through the DOT; and,

WHEREAS, hundreds of applications are sent in from around the country for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit, and port projects that aim to meet national objectives; and,

WHEREAS, each project is rigorously reviewed on the criteria of safety, state of repair, economic competitiveness, opportunity, quality of life, or innovation then selected based on merit; and,

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022 City Council voted to support staff's submittal of the Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and Related Improvements Project (Project) for a RAISE Grant from the DOT as part of the City's commitment to the success of its land ports of entry; and,

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2022, it was announced that this application was successful, and that DOT has awarded the City of El Paso a \$12,000,000 grant for this Project, with a \$3,000,000 local match for an expected total Project budget of \$15,000,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and related improvements will help provide needed amenities for pedestrians, bicycles and Sun Metro riders who use the Ysleta Port of Entry to travel between El Paso and Ciudad Juarez

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

That the City Manager be authorized to accept and sign a grant agreement for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and Related Improvements Project (Project).

That this authorization shall include the original grant agreement, any related modifications or amendments, and any other documents when the form and substance of those documents have been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's Office, and the authorization will include the ability to sign multiple agreements and documents, as the grant might be issued in various disbursements.

That the City Manager may be authorized to approve, effectuate, and sign any budget transfers needed to establish appropriations in connection with this grant.

The total grant amount shall include an estimated federal share of \$12,000,000 and an estimated match of \$3,000,000 to be paid for with the City of El Paso's P3 Funds, totaling \$15,000,000 for the Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and Related Improvements Project.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF ____, 2022

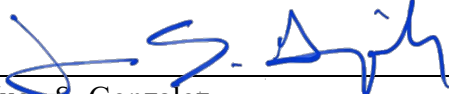
CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Juan S. Gonzalez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



David Coronado
Director of International Bridges