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Texas Department of Transportation Unified Transportation Program Update 125 East 11th Street Austin, TX 78701

RE: Support for the Draft 2026 Unified Transportation Program – El Paso District

On behalf of the City of El Paso, I write to express our strong support for the Draft 2026 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), including the proposed authorization of \$150 million for SS 320 Borderland Expressway Phase 3 – El Paso (Category 12: Strategic Priority).

Borderland Expressway and the Downtown 10 corridor are two regional priorities that will improve mobility, accommodate cross-border commercial traffic, and support economic competitiveness across the Paso del Norte region. These projects have been vetted through public processes and local planning efforts, and represent a strategic opportunity to address congestion, improve connectivity, and enhance safety.

El Paso is a critical nexus for U.S.-Mexico trade, with millions of commercial vehicles traversing our highways each year. Continued investment in regional infrastructure is essential to sustaining this national economic role and ensuring reliable freight and commuter movement.

We thank the Texas Transportation Commission and TxDOT for your ongoing support of El Paso's infrastructure priorities, and we look forward to continued collaboration to deliver these important projects.

Sincerely,

Dionne Mack City Manager

