

Downtown Deck Plaza

TXDOT Advanced Funding
Agreement

03/03/2026



Background

- 89th Texas Legislature (2025)
 - Rider 50. Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project: Requires TxDOT to provide \$10 million in federal funds available for the Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza project in TxDOT's El Paso District, if the project meets federal funding requirements.
- TxDOT & HNTB proceed with design development for I-10 Widening
- COEP, DDPF and TxDOT coordinate proposals from HNTB for Deck Plaza Design
 - Work Authorization #3 – Tunnel Design
 - Work Authorization #5 – Amenities Design

“Future Proofing”

- Acknowledges that I-10 construction is a one time opportunity.
- Encompasses structural enhancements and other design modifications required to physically support a deck now *or in the future*.
 - *Increased bearing capacity of I-10 drilled shaft walls*
 - *Additional depth to accommodate deck structural & life safety elements*
 - *Must be included in I-10 highway design and construction.*

Future Proofing Cost Breakdown (estimates)			
Total Estimated Cost	\$43,000,000		
		Federal	Local Match (20%)
CPF	\$3,125,000	\$2,500,000	\$625,000
MPO	\$25,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$5,000,000
Rider (remaining)	\$1,960,000	\$1,568,000	\$392,000
Total Federal Share		\$24,068,000	
Total Match Required			\$6,017,000
Additional Sponsor Contribution (Gap to \$43M)			\$12,915,000
Total Sponsor Funds Needed	\$18,932,000		

Funding & Commitment Timeline

May – Oct 2025

TXDOT & COEP
Coordinate Scope and
Fee for Design Services

Oct '26

Funding Availability for
“Future Proofing”
\$43M est Total
\$19M Estimated Gap

Nov '26 – May '27

TXDOT, COEP and
others negotiate and
execute Use,
Maintenance
Agreements and AFA's

Oct '25 – Feb '26

TXDOT & COEP Finalize
Advanced Funding Agreement
for *Tunnel Design*
\$10.6M Total
\$561k Match

Nov '26 – Feb '27

TXDOT & COEP Finalize
Advanced Funding
Agreement for
construction

Sept 2027

TXDOT & COEP Join
Bids for construction

Engineering Design Services – WA #3

- This Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) is limited to tunnel design of the underlying structure for the deck plaza.
 - Structural enhancements to proposed I-10 walls
 - Tunnel Structure including center columns
 - Tunnel Ventilation and life safety systems
 - Tunnel Illumination
 - Utility Engineering
 - Traffic Engineering

Funding Breakdown

- \$10,601,001.00 total WA #3 design cost
 - \$8,040,000 Federal (Rider 50)
 - \$2,000,000 Transportation Development Credits
 - \$561,001 Local Match (TIRZ #5)
- Transportation Development Credits: Federal transportation funding tool used to meet federal funding matching requirements. State credits are accrued when capital investments are made in federally approved tolled facilities including toll roads and bridges.

TIRZ #5 (Downtown)

- On July 9, 2025, the TIRZ #5 Advisory Board recommended APPROVAL of a \$1,000,000 funding allocation from TIRZ #5 Fund for the I-10 Deck Plaza Design Project.
- Current unobligated TIRZ #5 Fund balance (Q1 FY26): \$2,694,938

Recommendation

- **THAT** the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to sign an Advance Funding Agreement by and between the City of El Paso and the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, for the design of the STP-MM Reconstruction Project on System grant improvements, “I-10 Deck Plaza Project”, which has an estimated total project cost of \$10,601,001.00 of which the estimated local government participation amount is estimated at \$561,001.00 plus any cost overruns. Further, that the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign all documents, agreement amendments, and perform all actions required to carry out the obligations of the City under this agreement.

MISSION



Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community.

VISION



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government.



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Accountability, **P**eople

MISIÓN



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