

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

AGENDA DATE: September 12, 2023
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A
CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Yvette Hernandez, 915-212-0065
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts
STRATEGIC GOAL: No. 4: Cultivate an Environment Conducive to Strong, Economic Development
No.7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network
SUBGOAL: N/A

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action requesting City Council support for the submission of the staff recommended grant application to the FY23 Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) program for the ELP Airport City Lab Innovation Zone Project.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The USDOT FY23 SMART Grant Program provides up to \$2 million for Phase I planning and prototyping for projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety. The ELP Airport City Lab Innovation Zone is an area to test, deploy, and scale transportation solutions for El Paso. As part of this project, the Airport will expand electrification initiatives, deploy digital twinning applications, invest in intelligent transportation systems, and develop transportation solutions with partners including TxDOT and Fort Bliss.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A – no match required

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvement Department

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: El Paso International Airport

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Yvette Hernandez

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)