



# 89TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA UPDATE

Strategic and Legislative Affairs

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*Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance  
and Fiscal Management*

# State Legislative Timeline

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Apr. 2024      May 2024      Jun. 2024      Jul. 2024      Nov. 2024      Jan. 2025



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| Meet with<br>City<br>Departments | Legislative<br>Agenda<br>Adopted | Legislative<br>Agenda<br>Shared with<br>Delegation | Meet with<br>Community<br>Partners | 89th<br>Legislature<br>Bill Filing<br>Begins | 89th<br>Legislature<br>Convenes |
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# Key City Priorities Recap

1

## Infrastructure

- International bridge expansion
- Flood prevention & stormwater management
- Military value projects

2

## Public Health & Safety

- Funding for equipment
- Support for PFAS gear/equipment changes
- Support for emergency management efforts

3

## Workforce Development

- Expand workforce development programs
- Retain/create incentive programs for competitive & emerging trades/sectors



# Community Partner Discussions

- Met with El Paso County, UMC, Emergence Health Network, El Paso Chamber, and El Paso Water
- Areas of commonality:
  - Infrastructure
  - Mental Health Support
  - Workforce
  - Military & Veterans Support
- Scheduled check-ins/standing meetings with our partners throughout the interim & during the 89th Legislative Session

Areas have  
small business  
& community  
support

# State Rider Request Process



# Rider Request Process

- Riders are amendments to legislation that secures funding for specific programs/projects.
  - Is an ongoing process throughout the legislative session.
- Requires continual negotiation and communication between the SLA team and our State Delegation.
- Funding is approved in the State Budget
  - Rider requests must be sponsored by our State Delegation members.



# Rider Request Timeline



**Aug. 2024**

**Sept. 2024**

**Oct. 2024**

**Nov 2024**

**Jan 2025**

**Jun 2025**



**Vet Rider  
Requests with  
City Attorney's  
Office**

**Present Riders  
to Council for  
Approval**

**Share Rider  
Requests to  
State Delegation**

**89th  
Legislature  
Bill Filing  
Begins**

**89th  
Legislature  
Convenes**

**89th  
Legislative  
Session Ends  
Sine Die**

# Rider Request Overview

- Riders were determined through discussions with City departments and City Council.
- Observe the key city priorities used to organize our Legislative Agenda:
  - Infrastructure
  - Public Health & Safety
  - Workforce Development
- Are organized into 3 priority initiatives:
  - Ysleta Port of Entry International Trade Expansion Project
  - Advanced Manufacturing District (AMD)
  - Northeast Industrial Park



# Ysleta Port of Entry International Trade Expansion Project

- Continues previous rider-supported ITS work from the 87th Legislative Session (2019).
- Will focus on automating border/port of entry inspection efficiency and expanding southbound travel.
- Will have a positive impact on managing and mitigating north and southbound commercial traffic.
  - State shutdowns resulted in an approximately 40% decrease in inspections and an increase in commercial border travel time.



# Ysleta Port of Entry International Trade Expansion Project

- **BOTA's impending closure to commercial traffic necessitates preparation of other City-managed POEs.**
  - **Ysleta POE has been identified by as the preferred alternative by industry leaders if we can expand southbound commercial traffic lanes.**
- **Investment in cargo scanners and other technology can automate the inspection process.**
  - **This can make the inspections more efficient and resilient to shutdowns.**

**\$10.4M Rider Request for this initiative**



# Advanced Manufacturing District

- **AMD's next phase: Build out the infrastructure to welcome long-term tenants.**
- **Discussions with advanced manufacturing industry partners and Fort Bliss have identified the following needs to encourage tenancy:**
  - **Construction of a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF)**
  - **Expansion of water, wastewater, and 3-phased electricity systems**



# Advanced Manufacturing District

- **AMD is an ideal location for a SCIF**
  - Interested tenants require a facility that offers a high level of security to manage classified/sensitive data communications.
- **Prospective tenants require water, wastewater, and 3-phased electricity infrastructure to support their operations.**
  - These investments will also expand the ELP Innovation Factory's capacity to welcome more tenants.

**\$18M Rider Request for this initiative**



# Northeast Industrial Park

- Several potential economic development partnerships are considering locating their operations at the Northeast Industrial Park.
- Many developments are lining up to support the area's growth.
- The Northeast Rail Spur rail line extension will allow large-scale infrastructural development and cargo access for future Northeast Industrial Park tenants.
  - Will aid in the addition of high-paying, skilled jobs to our region.

**\$5M Rider Request for this initiative**



# Rider Focus Areas

**1**

**Ysleta Port of Entry International Trade  
Expansion Project**

**2**

**Advanced Manufacturing District**

**3**

**Northeast Industrial Park**

## MISSION

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



## VISION

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



## VALUES

Integrity, Respect, Excellence,  
Accountability, People

