

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

**AGENDA DATE:** November 22, 2022

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**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** District 7

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 1 - Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development.

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action requesting City Council support for the staff recommended project selected to submit for the FY 2022 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant Program.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The proposed application to the FY 2022 Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Grant Program will request funding for the construction of the Zaragoza Road Overpass/Grade Separation Project over the Union Pacific railroad (UPRR) tracks from Billy the Kid Street to Roseway Dr.

If awarded, this funding would facilitate the final design and construction of a grade separation on Zaragoza Road from Billy the Kid Street to Roseway Dr. Ultimately, the project will improve safety, promote greater travel time reliability, improve traffic flow, reduce traffic congestion, lower emissions associated with idling vehicles, improve response times for emergency vehicles, and promote economic development and local business growth opportunities.

Funds for the FY 2022 FRA CRISI Program are to be awarded on a competitive discretionary basis for projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail, to include highway-rail grade crossing improvement projects.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

The required minimum 20 percent local match is estimated at \$5 million.

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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