



I-10 Deck Plaza Design Project

USDOT FY24 Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Participation
September 24, 2024

PROJECT BACKGROUND

- April 13, 2021 - Council Approved Grant Application
- November 22, 2022 - Council Awarded Consultant Contract
 - \$1,331,785 (\$900,000 Federal, \$431,785 PDNCF)
- January-February 2023 - *Mend* Public Engagement
 - 20 1-on-1 Interviews w/ stakeholders, neighborhood associations, business owners, residents, non-profits
- February-April - *Stantec* Public Meetings
 - 3 Community Advisory Committee Meetings
 - <https://www.downtowndeckplaza.org/project-library>
- May 3, 2023 - paused consultant work due to delays in FHWA agreement
- January 2024 - *Stantec* Resumes Phase 1
- July 30, 2024 - Public meeting with over 120+ attendees

RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES

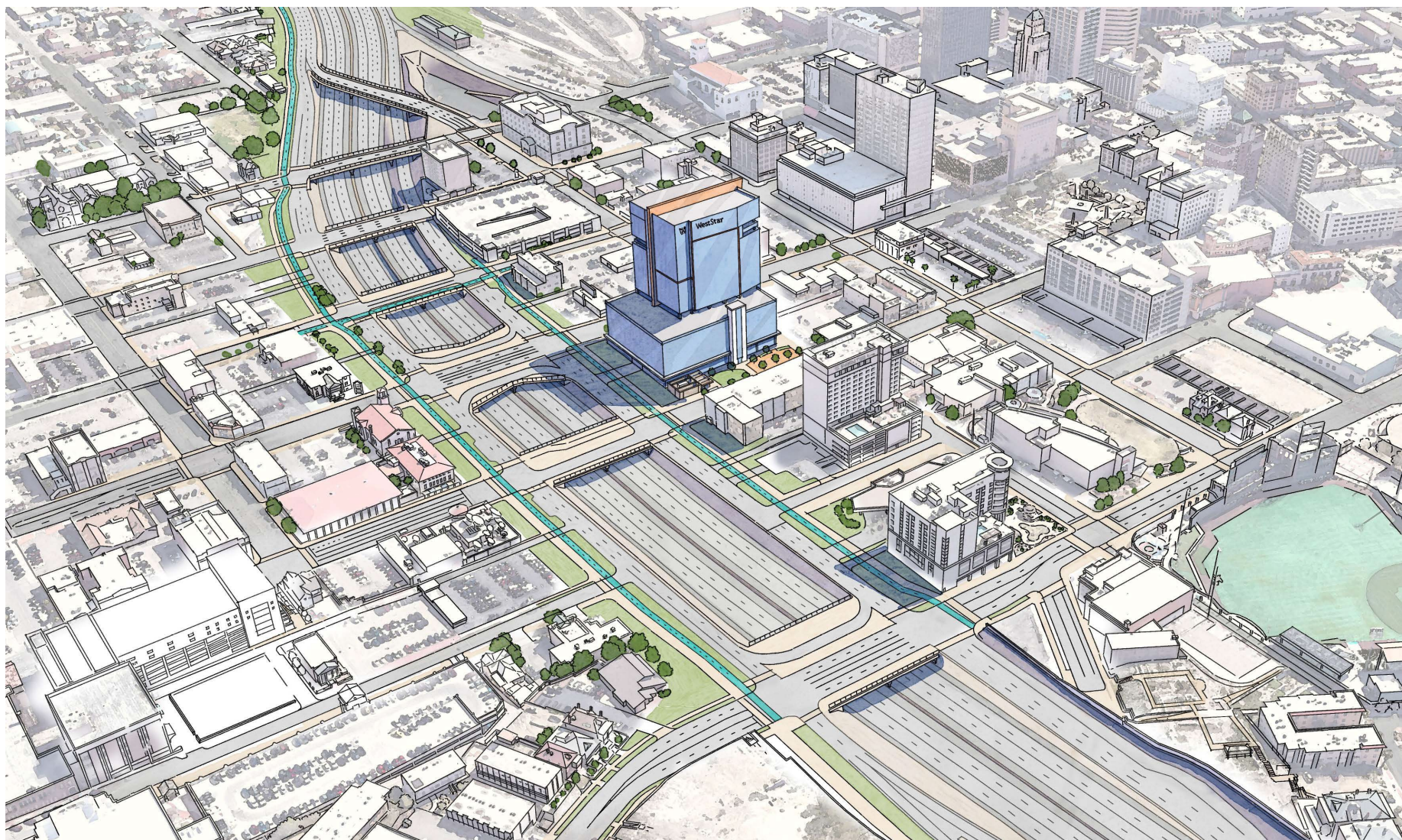
- City applied for FY 23 Reconnecting Communities Pilot
 - Ranked "Highly Recommended," but not awarded
 - USDOT recommended resubmission for FY24
- El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the new applicant
 - September 30th Application Deadline
 - Total Request - **\$10M** for design, 50% local match required
- Commitments to date:
 - \$3,750,000 from MPO (Cat 7 STP Funds)
 - \$1,000,000 from El Paso County
 - \$250,000 from the Deck Plaza Foundation
- TxDOT will be owner of the facility
- Downtown Deck Plaza Foundation to help develop, program, fundraise, oversee construction, operate and maintain the Deck Park

BENEFITS OF DESIGN PROJECT

- Allows the region to have a “**shovel-ready**” project
- Ability to apply for additional grant programs and fundraise
- Provide more detailed cost estimates for construction and maintenance phases
- Basis for discussions on land use agreements and development capacity



TXDOT ALT I AS PROPOSED





TXDOT ALT I + DECK PLAZA





DECK PLAZA CONCEPTUAL

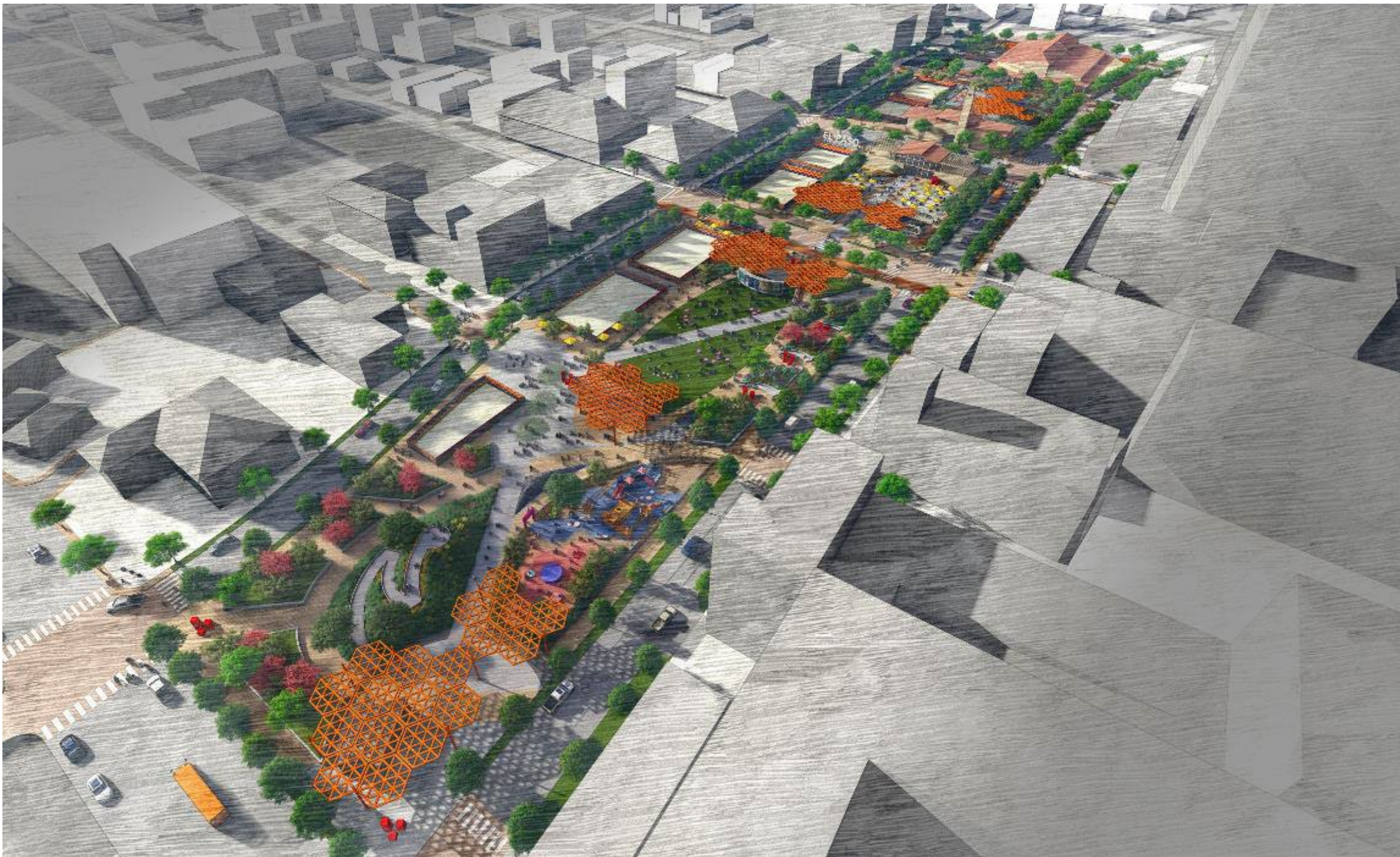


CITY GARDEN + EVENT SPACE

MULTI-CULTURAL FORUM

BACK YARD GAMES

SHADED RECREATION







CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES

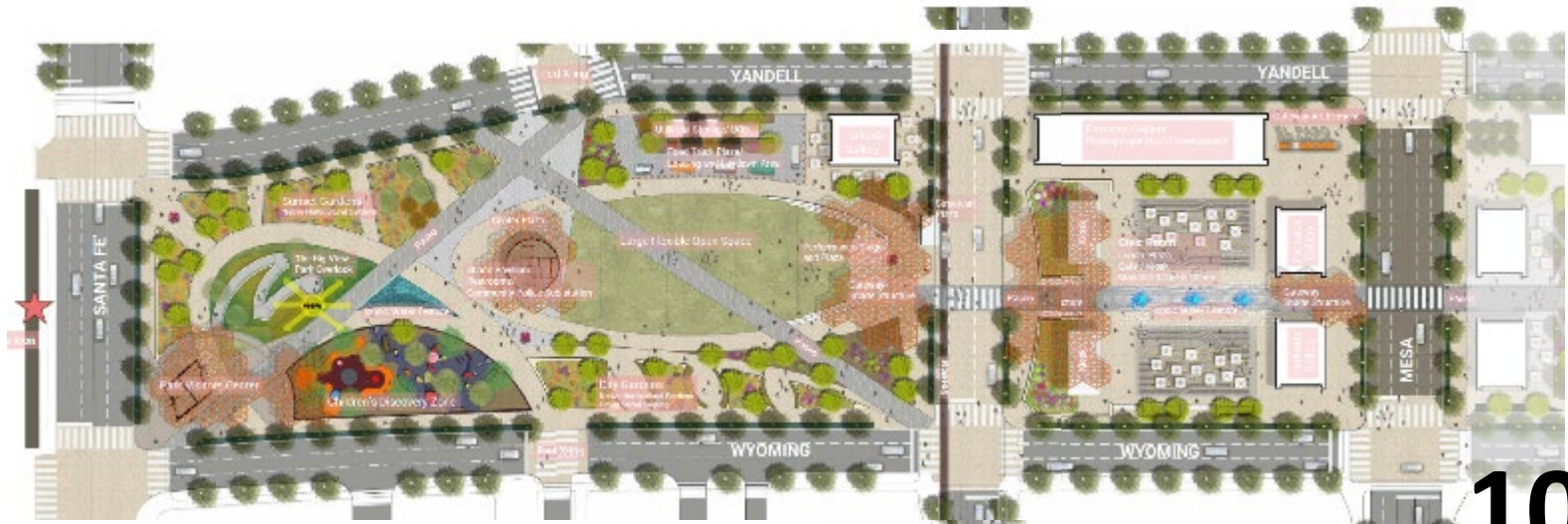
- **Phase 1 - \$106,224,635.63**

- Santa Fe to Oregon
 - 147,285 sq ft - Event Space
 - \$71,013,603 w/o PPP Buildings
- Oregon to Mesa
 - 70,300 sq ft - Multicultural Forum
 - \$35,211,032 w/o PPP Buildings



- **Phase 2 – \$101,441,947.51**

- Mesa to Stanton
 - 76,743 sq ft - Backyard Games
 - \$39,366,655 w/o PPP Buildings
- Stanton to Kansas
 - 77,800 sq ft - Shaded Recreation
 - \$85,782,792 (2027)



- **Total - 207,666,583.1**

MATCH FUNDING SOURCE

- City's contribution (\$750,000) via **Impact Fund**
- Impact Fund is derived from El Paso Electric Company franchise fee paid to the City of El Paso
 - 75% dedicated to Medical Center of the Americas
 - Remaining 25% for economic development initiatives, including the promotion of "**commercial investment in the renovation, restoration, and rehabilitation and new development and new construction in Downtown El Paso.**"
- Funding source can be amended as part of Advance Funding Commitment (after award)

REQUESTED ACTION

- City Council **APPROVE** a resolution allocating \$750,000 as local match for the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Fiscal Year 2024 Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program for the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) I-10 Deck Plaza Design Project.