



Letter of Support for El Paso MPO

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Eduardo Calvo, AICP

Executive Director

El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Re: Application to the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program to Develop a Regional Comprehensive Action Plan for the El Paso MPO Planning Area

Dear Mr. Calvo,

The City of El Paso is pleased to support the El Paso MPO's efforts to apply for the FY 2022 SS4A Discretionary Grant Program to develop a comprehensive regional action plan for our communities. We offer our support to engage with you in the development of the plan and to help identify locations where improvements are needed, areas and groups that are underserved, countermeasures and programs to address issues, and review our policies should changes be needed to support a regional effort towards traffic safety.

This study will allow the communities in our region, for the first time, to develop an action plan that includes a wide spectrum of infrastructure strategies and projects as well as behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on our roads and streets. Traffic deaths and injury have historically exacerbated inequality among members of our diverse community, and pedestrians make up more than a quarter of all traffic deaths. The resulting action plan will help our region to define strategies to systematically address the needs of all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit, private vehicles, and commercial vehicle operators, including those who live in underserved areas of the community.

This is an exciting opportunity that will allow public and private sector stakeholders from all the communities in our region to collaborate in: assessing the prevailing traffic safety conditions and historical trends of crashes involving fatalities and serious injuries; identifying the locations where these crashes are most severe; contributing factors and crash types; analyzing systemic and specific safety needs; and geospatially identifying higher risk locations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Engineer, Yvette Hernandez, directly at HernandezYM@elpasotexas.gov.

Sincerely,

Tomas Gonzalez

City Manager

