

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



DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvement Department

AGENDA DATE: 7/22/25

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

CONTACT PERSON NAME: Joaquin Rodriguez, Director of Grant-Fund **PHONE NUMBER:** (915) 212-0065

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL:

No. 7: Enhance & Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network


SUBGOAL:

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action to authorize the City Manager to submit a letter of support for the Draft 2026 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), including the proposed authorization of \$150 million for Borderland Expressway Phase 3 – El Paso (Category 12: Strategic Priority).

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The UTP is TxDOT’s 10-year planning and programming roadmap, updated annually and approved by the Texas Transportation Commission. It sets funding priorities across multiple transportation modes—highways, transit, rail, aviation, and freight/international trade—to meet statewide goals in safety, infrastructure preservation, congestion relief, and system performance. The Texas Transportation Commission allocates funds across 12 UTP categories. Projects are scored and prioritized based on performance metrics, state and local coordination, engineering assessments, safety data, and public engagement.

The Borderland Expressway is a strategic bypass around northeast El Paso aimed at rerouting through-truck and regional traffic off I-10 and inner-city roadways. By diverting heavy and through-traffic away from central El Paso, the expressway will ease congestion, reduce crash potential, and improve travel reliability. 

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH:

Each year, TxDOT works with its 25 districts, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), the public, and state leaders to develop a draft UTP. TxDOT publishes a draft UTP in July for public review. It includes detailed lists of proposed projects, funding categories, and allocations by region. TxDOT conducts virtual or in-person statewide public hearings and may hold additional regional or district-specific meetings.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

N/A

NAME	AMOUNT (\$)

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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