

Objective

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Office of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar requesting an appropriation from the Community Project Funding program in the amount of \$4,000,000.00, with the federal government contributing \$3,200,000.00 and an \$800,000.00 match from the City, for the Ysleta International Port of Entry Engineering Design Project.

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



Overview

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Strategic and Legislative Affairs (SLA)

- Strategic Partnerships
- Citywide Grants Support
- State Legislative Affairs
- Federal Legislative Affairs
- Military and Veterans Affairs Division
- Climate and Sustainability Division

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FY26 Community Project Funding

- Earmarks to Moratorium (1970s 2011): Congress used "earmarks" to steer discretionary dollars to district projects
- House Revival as Community Project Funding (2021): Earmarks restart for FY 2022 under the new "Community Project Funding" label with transparency and accountability measures
- Scale Since Reinstatement (FY 2022-23): Congress approved roughly \$24 billion across more than 12,000
 CPF/Congressionally Directed Spending projects nationwide
 - \$9.1 billion for about 5,000 projects in FY 2022
 - \$15.3 billion for 7,200 projects in FY 2023
- FY25 CPF projects were not funded by Congress





FY26 Community Project Funding

April 8, 2025: Congresswoman Veronica Escobar (TX-16) issued a request for proposals for FY26 CPF

- Projects selected for FY25 CPF will need to resubmit
- Requires updates to cost estimates, letters of support, and other technical and administrative materials
- Projects must comply with updated guidance fy26-thud-hip-guidance.pdf







Project Description

Ysleta International Port of Entry Engineering Design

The City of El Paso will contract engineering consultants to develop design plans that modernize and enlarge the Ysleta-Zaragoza International Port of Entry.

- Expansion is necessary to accommodate projected traffic increases from closure of commercial traffic at Bridge of the Americas (BOTA)
- Expanding the Ysleta Port is a roughly \$500 million capital project – engineering plans will clarify project scope and costs





Scope of Work and Budget

The City of El Paso will contract professional engineering services to complete:

- Feasibility 30% design documents
- Benefit-cost analysis
- Permitting (including Presidential Permit)

Federal: \$3,200,000

City Match: \$800,000 (International Bridges)

Total: \$4,000,000

The Project will be completed in 24 months (after FHWA authorization)

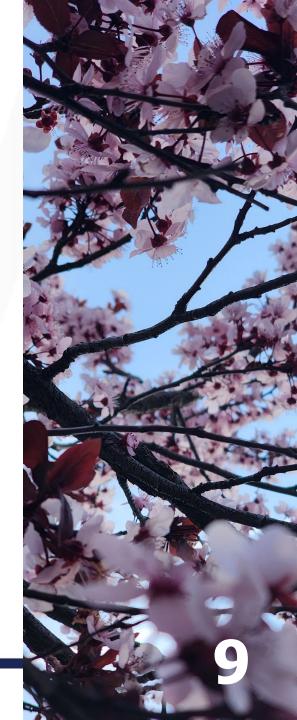




Implementation Timeline

Appropriations Process

- 1. Project Submission by Members (15) (May 2025)
- 2. Committee vetting and selections (June 2025)
- 3. Inclusion in Appropriations Bill (September 2025)
- 4. Post-enactment funding (March 2026)
- 5. Agreement with FHWA (July 2026)
- 6. Project Start (September 2026)





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