

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

AGENDA DATE: May 21, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Omar Martinez, Grants & Strat. Initiatives Manager, 915-479-0341
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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: No 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

SUBGOAL: N/A

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Federal Railroad Administration Fiscal Year 2024 CRISI program requesting funds in the amount of \$22,809,600.00, with a \$2,138,400.00 (7.5%) match required from the City, for the Zaragoza Rail Grade Separation Project.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The United States Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is currently accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements ("CRISI") grant program with applications due on May 28, 2024. The Zaragoza Rail Grade Separation Project involves replacing the at-grade rail crossing on Zaragoza Road with an above-grade overpass.

The Project requires \$5,702,400.00 in non-federal matching funds. On May 13, 2024, the El Paso County Commissioners Court approved a Resolution to contribute \$2,138,400.00 (7.5%) in non-federal matching funds for the Project. On April 16, 2024, a representative from Union Pacific Railroad confirmed participation in the Project via compliance with 23 CFR §646.210 (b)(3), equivalent to \$1,425,600 (5%) in non-federal matching funds for the Project. The remaining non-federal matching funds required for the Project are \$2,138,400.00 (7.5%).

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Capital Improvement Accounts

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? X YES ___ NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvement Department

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Yvette Hernandez



Joaquin Rodriguez for Yvette Hernandez

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)