



CITY OF EL PASO

# FY26 Community Project Funding (CPF) **I-10 Deck Plaza Project**

Strategic and Legislative Affairs

May 13, 2025

# 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 \$5,000,000.00, with the federal government contributing \$4,000,000.00, a \$750,000.00 match from the City, and \$250,000.00 match from the Deck Plaza Foundation, for the I-10 Deck Plaza Project.**

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



# Overview

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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](#)
- New project submissions are allowed



# Project Description

## I-10 Deck Plaza Project

The I-10 Deck Plaza Project submission to the FY26 Community Project Funding (CPF) program will be used to implement structural improvements for the Deck Plaza that were designed as part of the Downtown Deck Plaza Feasibility Study.

If awarded, FY26 CPF funding will be used in coordination with other local, state, and federal funds allocated to the I-10 Deck Plaza project.

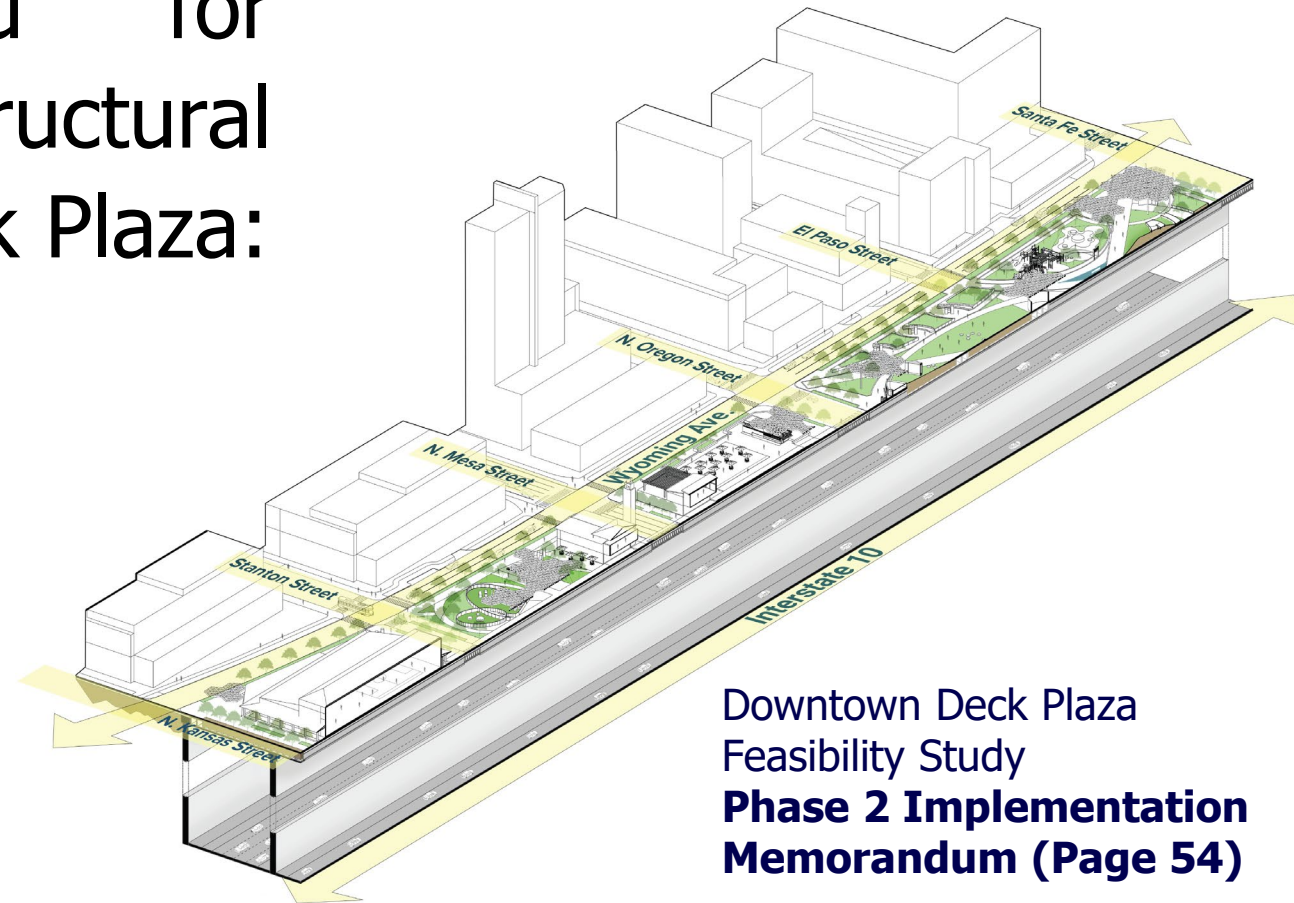




# Scope of Work

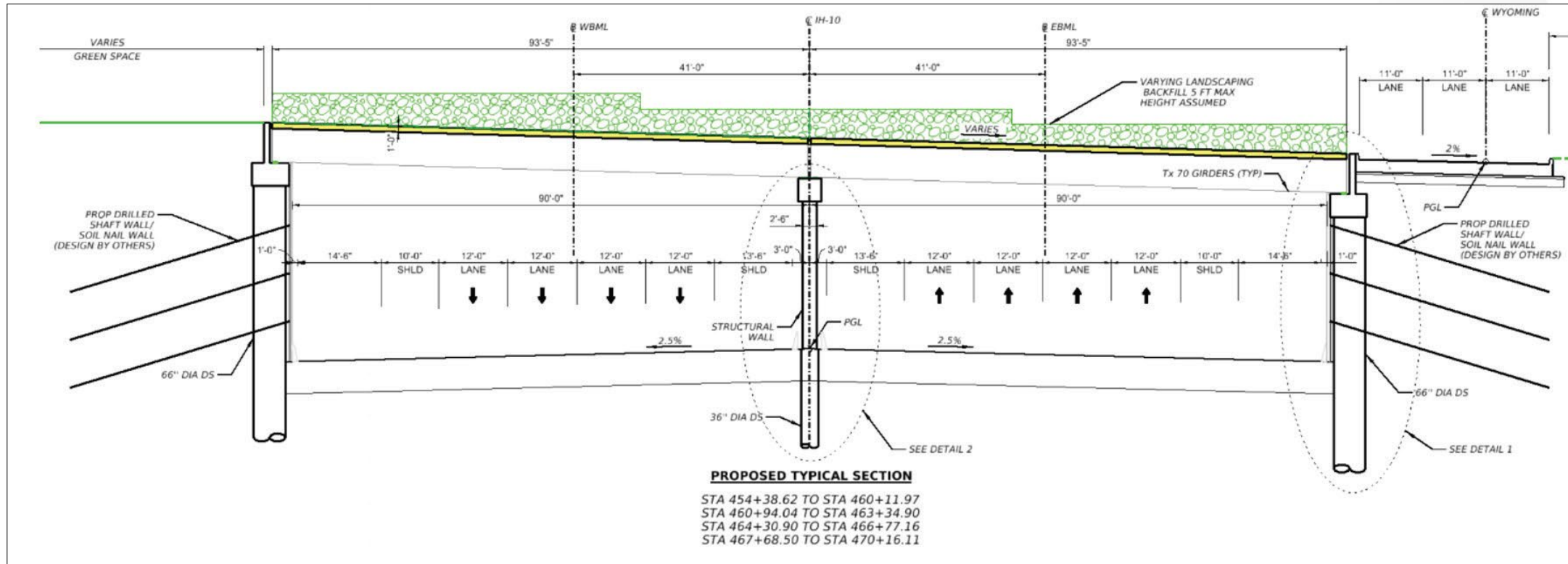
Funding will be utilized for construction of on-system structural improvements for the I-10 Deck Plaza:

- Retaining walls
- Support beams
- Fire safety
- Ventilation
- Utilities



Downtown Deck Plaza  
Feasibility Study  
**Phase 2 Implementation  
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# Scope of Work: Proposed Typical Section



Downtown Deck Plaza Feasibility Study **Phase 2 Implementation Memorandum (Page 77)**

Schematic plan and details: <https://www.downtowndeckplaza.org/engagement>



# Budget

<b>Federal</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>(80%)</b>
<b>City</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>(15%)</b>
<b>PDNCF</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>(5%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>(100%)</b>

\*City match from Capital Proceeds Fund



# 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)



# Requested Action

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## MISSION

**Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life & place for our community.**



## VISION

**Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe & beautiful neighborhoods, & exceptional recreational, cultural & educational opportunities**



## VALUES

**Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People**

