

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

DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvements

AGENDA DATE: 2/3/25

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 8

STRATEGIC GOAL: #7 Enhance and Sustain EL Paso's Infrastructure Network

SUBGOAL:

SUBJECT: Update on FY21 RAISE Grant – Downtown I-10 Deck Plaza Feasibility Study and discussion and action to direct the City Manager to conduct an analysis of local, state, and federal funding sources that could help fund the design and construction of the Deck Plaza.

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BACKGROUND / DISCUSS

The City of El Paso Capital Improvement Department (CID) in partnership with the Paso Del Norte Foundation is in the final stages of completing a Feasibility Study for the I-10 Downtown Deck Plaza project. The City of El Paso submitted a grant application to the Fiscal Year 2023 RCP program for the I-10 Deck Plaza Design Project. The application was scored "Highly Recommended" by FHWA reviewers but was not selected for funding. The El Paso MPO requested to work with the City of El Paso to resubmit the application for Fiscal Year 2024. The Fiscal Year 2024 RCP grant application was also not selected.

The Deck Plaza is expected require a combination of local, state, and federal resources for design, construction and operations. The ratios of funding will be significantly impacted by the current timeline for I-10 downtown reconstruction, which is expected to begin in 2026.

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH:

In February - April of 2023, the City of El Paso and consultant Stantec conducted three community stakeholder meetings

In July, 2024 City of El Paso held a public meeting with over 120 attendees

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

The City of El Paso received a \$900,000 grant from the FHWA Fiscal Year 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program matched by \$421,785 from the Paso del Norte Community Foundation for the I-10 Deck Plaza Feasibility Study.

On September 24, 2024, City Council approved a local match of \$750,000 from TIRZ 5 for the El Paso MPO application.


On November 22, 2024, the City Council approved a professional services contract for the Deck Plaza Feasibility Study Urban Planning and Engineering Services project.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTION OR DONATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

NAME	AMOUNT (\$)

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:  Joaquin Rodriguez, AICP

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