



RAISE: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity

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\$1 Billion Infrastructure Grant Funds

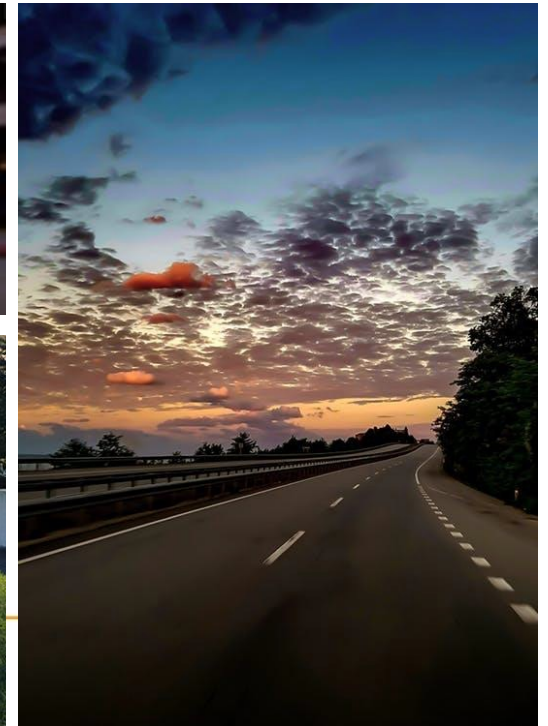
- For capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure awarded on a competitive basis
- \$100M awarded to a single State
 - Maximum grant award \$25M
 - Minimum grant award \$5M
- \$30M to be awarded for eligible planning and preconstruction activities
 - No minimum
 - \$10M will be awarded to projects located in or to directly benefit areas of persistent poverty
- Grant funds available for obligation only through September 2024
- Applications must be submitted by April 14, 2022
- Award will be announced by Fall 2022
- RAISE grant program may not exceed 80% of project cost

Eligible Projects

Good-paying jobs, improve safety, apply transformative technology, and explicitly address climate change and racial equity.

Project scope may consist of:

- Highway, bridge, or other road projects
- Public transportation
- Passenger and freight rail transportation
- **Port infrastructure-including land ports of entry**
- Intermodal projects



Selection criteria

- **Safety**-*reduce accidents, eliminate unsafe grade crossings*
- **Economic Competitiveness**
- **Quality of Life**-*increase transportation choices, expand access to services for jobs, health care, destinations*
- **State of Good Repair**-improve condition, life-cycle costs, support border security
- **Environmental Sustainability**
- **Innovation**
- **Partnerships with a broad range of Stakeholders**

Project Outline

- **Project Description:** project schedule, statement of work, transportation challenges, how will they be addressed
- **Project Location**
- **Grant Funds, Sources, and Uses of all Project Funding**
- **Selection Criteria**
- **Project Readiness**
- **Benefit Cost Analysis**
- **Limited to 30 pages**

RAISE Project Application



El Paso International Bridge System

- ❖ 2020 Trade through El Paso POE totaled \$70.4 billion **59% imports; 41% exports**
 - Ranks **2nd in personal vehicles** crossings (over 7.2 million)
 - Ranks **2nd in pedestrian** crossings (over 3.3 million)
 - Ranks **3rd in cargo** crossings (over 750,000)



City of El Paso Strategic Plan

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Stimulate economic growth through transit and bridges integration

- **Create comprehensive International Bridges Capital Improvement Program**
- Enhance cross-border mobility experience for bridge users (2.0)
- Capital Improvement implementation
- Revamp toll operation schedules and lane management

Enhance cross-border mobility experience for bridge users (2.0)

Ysleta POE Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements:

Budget: \$15M

Local Match: \$3M | Federal: \$12M

Funding Source: P3 Fund



Proposed Improvements

Pedestrian safety improvements and amenities:

- ❖ Dedicated pedestrian drop-off and pick-up zones
- ❖ Protection from the elements (shade canopies)
- ❖ Improved cross-walks at intersections
- ❖ Pedestrian-level light fixtures, raised pedestrian crossings, marked crosswalks, median islands, pedestrian warning signs and signals, traffic calming techniques, etc.
- ❖ Streetlights
- ❖ Landscaping improvements
- ❖ Seating areas
- ❖ Screening walls for security
- ❖ CCTVs for security
- ❖ Sun Metro bus stop
- ❖ Wayfinding signs



Project Alignment

- ❖ Strategic Plan: Enhance cross-border mobility experience for bridge users
- ❖ Project elements identified as needs in TX-MX Border Transportation Master Plan
- ❖ Scope in alignment with recently approved Bridges CIP
- ❖ Limited P3 dollars: need for other funding sources to complete large bridge projects
- ❖ Complements planned ITS improvements and investments via Rider 44
- ❖ MX recently completed pedestrian improvements at Ysleta
- ❖ POEs have historically experienced lack of investment



TX-MX Border Transportation Master Plan (BTMP)

- ❖ BTMP efforts began December 2018, adopted by Texas Transportation Commission March 2021
- ❖ Effort led by Border Trade Advisory Committee (BTAC) and Texas Department of Transportation
- ❖ City of El Paso, Bridges Steering Committee and all regional stakeholders involved throughout process
- ❖ BTMP identified policy, program and project recommendations
- ❖ **Regional needs: 292 identified projects, \$11.6B**
 - **661 border wide total projects, \$37.4B total cost**
 - **Ysleta bridge infrastructure improvements scope of work elements all included in BTMP**





Bridges Steering Committee

United States

- Border Industrial Association
- Borderplex Alliance
- Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority
- City of El Paso (IBD, CID, SAM, PD, PI)
- County of El Paso
- El Paso Community Foundation
- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- New Mexico Border Authority
- Southwest Maquiladora Association
- Texas A&M Transportation Institute
- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Texas Department of Transportation El Paso
- U.S. Consulate
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. General Services Administration
- UTEP – Civil Engineering Department

México

- Asociación de Transportistas
- Fideicomiso de Puentes Fronterizos de Chihuahua
- Gobierno del Estado de Chihuahua
- IMIP (Jrz. Planning Office)
- INDEX (Maquiladora Association)
- Municipio de Juárez
- Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores
- Servicio de Administración Tributaria



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Requested Council Action

City Council support to submit a
RAISE grant application for the
following project:

**Ysleta Port of Entry
Pedestrian Infrastructure
Improvements**



Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



Values

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,
Accountability, **P**eople



Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government