

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

AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A
CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Yvette Hernandez, (915) 212-1860
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: Citywide
STRATEGIC GOAL: No.7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network
SUBGOAL: N/A

SUBJECT:

That the City of El Paso supports funding the City of El Paso Active Transportation Plan as described in the 2023 TA Detailed Application, including the planning activities; TxDOT's direct state cost for oversight; and the required local match (if any). That the City of El Paso is willing to commit to the Project's development, financing, management, adoption and implementation of completed planning documents. That the City of El Paso is willing and able to enter into an agreement with TxDOT by resolution or ordinance, should the Project be selected for funding.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

TxDOT issued a call for projects in December 2022 for communities to apply for funding assistance through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program. CID submitted a preliminary application for TA funding and now TxDOT has notified CID that the City is eligible to submit a Detailed Application which requires a resolution stating that the Council supports the Project and is committed to the Project's development and implementation. The City of El Paso is eligible to use Transportation Development Credits in lieu of a local cash match. The purpose of this project is to provide a comprehensive strategy for improving infrastructure and creating a culture of active transportation in the city. The plan will identify areas of need, opportunities for improvement, and specific recommendations for infrastructure, policy, and program changes.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

FHWA/TxDOT

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? ___ YES ___ NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvement Department

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Gvette Hernandez

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) issued a call for projects in December 2022 for communities to apply for funding assistance through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program; and

WHEREAS, TA funds may be used for development of planning documents to assist communities of any size in developing non-motorized transportation networks; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso’s Capital Improvement Department (“CID”) submitted a preliminary application for TA funding for development of an “Active Transportation Plan” to provide a strategy for improving infrastructure and creating a culture of active transportation in the City of El Paso (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, TxDOT has notified CID that the City is eligible to submit a 2023 TA Detailed Application (“Detailed Application”) for funding for the Project; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Detailed Application, CID must submit a Council Resolution stating that the Council supports the Project and is committed to the Project’s development and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the TA funds require a local match for selected projects, comprised of cash or Transportation Development Credits (TDCs), if eligible; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to use TDCs in lieu of a local cash match; and

WHEREAS, the City would be responsible for all non-reimbursable costs and 100% of overruns (if any), if the Project is selected for TA funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

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(Signatures on the following page)

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

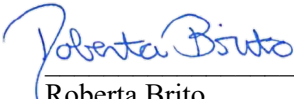
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Yvette Hernandez, P.E.
City Engineer