

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

AGENDA DATE: October 8, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A
CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME Omar Martinez, Assist. Director of Legislative Affairs, 915-479-0341
Roberto Tinajero, International Bridges Director, 915-212-7509
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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts
STRATEGIC GOAL: No 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

SUBJECT:

The City of El Paso is requesting \$20,000,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Fiscal Year 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program, with a \$5,000,000.00 match required from the City, for the Ysleta Port of Entry Southbound Commercial Facilities Expansion Project: Phase I.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On September 20, 2024, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Modernization of the Bridge of the Americas (BOTA) Land Port of Entry. The Preferred Alternative for the project proposes eliminating commercial cargo operations at BOTA and diverting this traffic to other ports in the region, including the Ysleta Port of Entry. The proposed project will result in initial capacity improvements for southbound commercial traffic and operations at the Ysleta Port.

\$3 million in funding for feasibility and design documents were selected as part of the FY25 Community Project Funding (CPF) appropriations process with the Office of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar. This funding has an expected approval date of June 2025. The expected award announcement date for the proposed FY25 RAISE grant is expected in the early Fall of 2025.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

[24-534](#) – On 4/23/2024, City Council approved the submission of FY25 CPF Ysleta Port Design Grant

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

\$5,000,000 TED Fund

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: International Bridges

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Economic and International Development

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Roberto Tinajero



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