

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

**DEPARTMENT:** Aviation

**AGENDA DATE:** August 16, 2022

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Sam Rodriguez, PE – Director of Aviation – 212-7301

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**STRATEGIC GOALS:** **No. 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development**

**SUBJECT:**

That the City Manager or designee on behalf of the City of El Paso ("City") be authorized to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Texas Military Preparedness Commission for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant ("DEAAG") for the construction of approximately 1,200 feet of a 120-foot wide roadway corridor from Bert Williams Drive, located in the City of El Paso, to Iron Dust-Off Drive, located on Department of Defense property, in order to provide a secure vehicle corridor between Fort Bliss and William Beaumont Army Medical Center, for an anticipated total project cost of \$3.7 million, with the City providing matching funds in the amount of \$2.85 million and with 850,000 requested through the DEAAG grant.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The Department of Aviation is submitting an Office of the Governor grant application for the construction of a bypass from Bert Williams Drive to Iron Dust-Off Drive, that if successful will result in the installation of approximately 1,200 feet of new roadway as well as two traffic circles. The roadway is expected to feature a 120' cross-section, inclusive of sidewalk, landscape, lighting, and utilities. Security concerns for Fort Bliss and William Beaumont Army Medical Center are the primary cause for the bypass, as well as to increase public traffic circulation.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$3,700,000. The state share will be in the estimated amount of \$850,000, with an estimated match of \$2,850,000 to be paid for with Airport Enterprise Funds.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Office of the Governor, Texas Military Preparedness Commission - \$850,000

Airport Enterprise Funds - \$2,850,000

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bliss U.S. Army Base (“Fort Bliss”) requires a secure vehicle corridor in the form of a bypass between the military installation and William Beaumont Army Medical Center (“WBAMC”); and

**WHEREAS**, the primary purpose of the bypass is to address security concerns required by the Department of Defense concerning Fort Bliss; and

**WHEREAS**, the only viable route is through El Paso International Airport (“Airport”) property upon a publicly dedicated roadway; and

**WHEREAS**, the roadway in its present configuration cannot provide for both secure and public traffic without a bypass; and

**WHEREAS**, once constructed, pre-screened vehicles will be able to travel freely between Fort Bliss and WBAMC; and

**WHEREAS**, construction of a bypass from Bert Williams Drive to Iron Dust-Off Drive will eliminate security risks as well as reduce operational overhead;

**WHEREAS**, the City is willing to construct said bypass.

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO THAT:**

The City Manager or designee on behalf of the City of El Paso (“City”) be authorized to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Texas Military Preparedness Commission for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (“DEAAG”) for the construction of approximately 1,200 feet of a 120-foot wide roadway corridor from Bert Williams Drive, located in the City of El Paso, to Iron Dust-Off Drive, located on Department of Defense property, in order to provide a secure vehicle corridor between Fort Bliss and William Beaumont Army Medical Center, for an anticipated total project cost of \$3.7 million, with the City providing matching funds in the amount of \$2.85 million and with \$850,000 requested through the DEAAG grant.

Furthermore, that the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to explore funding sources and partnerships and to execute any documents and agreements in relation to the grant, funding sources, and/or partnership agreements, after consultation with the City Attorney’s Office. In addition, the City Manager or designee is authorized to accept a grant award and sign any related documents, including but not limited to budget transfer authorizations, revisions to the operation plan, grant amendments, and/or corrections or extensions of the grant that increase, decrease or de-obligate program funds.

(Signatures on the following page)

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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Oscar Leeser  
Mayor

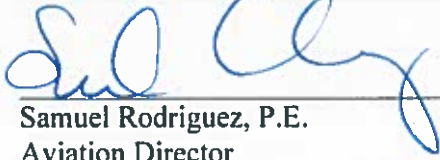
**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Josette Flores  
Senior Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Samuel Rodriguez, P.E.  
Aviation Director