

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

AGENDA DATE: May 7, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Roberto Tinajero (915)212-7509

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 1 - Cultivate an environment conducive to strong economic development.

SUBGOAL: Subgoal 1.5 - Stimulate economic growth through transit and bridges integration.

SUBJECT:

That the City Manager be authorized to sign a Standstill Extension Agreement between the City of El Paso; the U.S. General Services Administration ("GSA"); the El Paso Infrastructure Collaborative, LLC ("EPIC"); and the Jose and Carmen Silva Family Limited Partnership ("Silva FLP"), preserving the terms and conditions of the existing lease and sublease agreements between the parties regarding the properties adjacent to the Stanton International Bridge (the "Stanton DCL Properties"); and extending the Standstill Agreement previously entered into by the parties for a period ending upon the earlier of the GSA's acquisition of Stanton DCL Properties or May 18, 2025.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

In 1999 the City of El Paso entered into a Lease and Sub-lease agreements with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), the El Paso Infrastructure Collaborative, LLC (EPIC), and the Jose and Carmen Silva Family Limited Partnership (Silva FLP) to build the Dedicated Commuter Lane (DCL) next to the Stanton International bridge. These agreements have been amended and extended since then and, in 2023, City Council approved a "Standstill Agreement" between the parties to preserve the same terms and conditions for one year or while GSA purchases the Stanton DCL properties for the benefit of its current occupant (U.S. Customs and Border Protection). The Standstill Agreement expires on May 19, 2024 and the parties continue working towards the vacation of City's right-of-way (a portion of 9th Street) and towards the completion of the GSA purchase. Therefore, a Standstill Agreement Extension has been developed to continue with the status quo for one additional year while the vacation of right-of-way is completed and while GSA purchase the combined premises.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Original agreements approved in 1999, last Standstill Agreement approved in April, 2023

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? X YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: International Bridges

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Legal

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Roberto Tinajero, M.S., Director - International Bridges



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