

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

AGENDA DATE: February 15, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

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

SUBGOAL:

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action requesting City Council support for the staff recommended project that has been selected to submit for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program for the Department of Transportation (DOT) to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

This item will provide an overview of the proposed project for this grant. This project is anticipated to significantly improve infrastructure and economic development.

On November 15, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed the Infrastructure and Jobs Act of 2021 into law and appropriated \$1.5 billion to be awarded by the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2022 for Local and Regional Project Assistance Program Grants under the National Infrastructure Investments program. As part of the City's commitment to the success of its land ports of entry, the City wishes to apply to the RAISE program to secure funding for pedestrian improvements to the Ysleta Port of Entry.

The proposed project would help provide needed amenities for pedestrians, bicycles and Sun Metro riders who use the Ysleta Port of Entry to travel between El Paso and Ciudad Juarez. It would provide several pedestrian safety improvements and amenities such as shade canopies over existing sidewalks, dedicated drop-off and pick-up zones (including ridesharing zones), improved cross-walks at intersections with enhanced traffic signals for pedestrians, pedestrian-level light fixtures, landscaping improvements, seating areas, enhanced security features, public restrooms, dedicated Sun Metro bus stop, and wayfinding signs.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

\$3 million dollars in required grant matching funds from International Bridges Restricted Fund (P3 program) – Dept. 564 - Fund 3360 - Division 64870.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: International Bridges Department

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvements Department

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

DAVID A. CORONADO

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