

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

**AGENDA DATE:** May 21, 2024  
**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** N/A

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**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All Districts

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** No. 1: Cultivate an Environment Conducive to Strong, Economic Development  
No 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Ports Program: Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition requesting funds in the amount of \$3,000,000.00, with no match required from the City, for the Ysleta International Port of Entry and Santa Fe Railyard Project Development Study.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The City of El Paso is requesting \$3 million from the U.S. EPA Clean Ports program for the Ysleta International Port of Entry and Santa Fe Railyard Project Development Study to complete a port expansion feasibility analysis, infrastructure electrification and resiliency inventory, Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA), Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) modeling, baseline emissions study and emissions reduction strategy, and community and stakeholder engagement.

The Project will integrate emissions reductions models developed the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to inform planning, design, and construction documents for expansion and efficiency improvement infrastructure at the Ysleta Port of Entry and Santa Fe Railyard. Project partners include the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) School of Engineering ASPIRE Center utilizing funds from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), and BNSF Rail.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED?** ☒ YES ☐ NO

**PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:** Strategic and Legislative Affairs

**SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:** International Bridges

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

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Ian Voglewede

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