



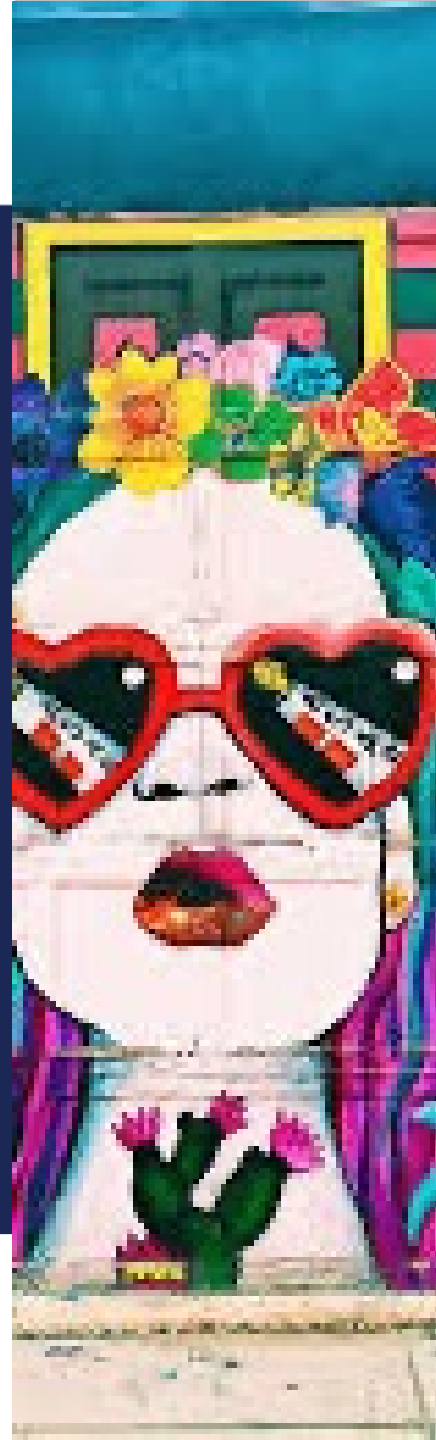
Item 21-1426

# Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Stanton Street Corridor and Bridge Feasibility Study



December 14, 2021

Goal 1. Cultivate an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development



# Presentation Overview

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- Economic Adjustment Assistance
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- Stanton Street Corridor and Bridge – Feasibility Study
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# Presentation Purpose

A resolution authorizing:

- The City to apply for the Economic Adjustment Assistance grant for the purpose of a feasibility study that will analyze how to improve the Stanton Street Corridor as well as modernize and possibly expand the Stanton Street Bridge
- City Council letter of support for the City's submission of its application
- The City Manager to take all necessary actions to pursue this grant opportunity

# Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant



- Under the American Rescue Plan Act, the EDA was allocated **\$3 billion** in supplemental funding to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by:
  - **Accelerating economic recovery** from the coronavirus pandemic; and
  - **Building local economies** that will be **resilient** to future shocks.
- Funding is available across **six programs**, including the **\$500,000,000 million Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant**.

# Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant



The EAA program provides a wide range of technical, **planning**, and public works and infrastructure assistance in **regions experiencing adverse economic changes** that may occur suddenly or over time.

One of EDA's most flexible programs, can fund market and environmental studies, planning or construction grants.

- Strategy Grants to support the development, updating or refinement of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)



## Strategic Plan Alignment

- In alignment with our Strategic Plan 25 by 2025
  - Goal 1. Create an environment conducive to strong, sustainable economic development
- Projects identified by regional stakeholders in the recently approved TX-MX Border Transportation Master Plan 2021
- Expands on the infrastructure projects outlined in our comprehensive port of entry capital improvement plan (FY2022-2026)



## Stanton Street Corridor + Bridge – Grant Overview

- Seeks to conduct a feasibility study that will analyze opportunities to improve the Stanton Street Corridor as well as modernize and possibly expand the Stanton Street Bridge to include pedestrian amenities, ITS technologies, parking and beautification along the Stanton Street leading to Downtown El Paso.
- Places an emphasis on the importance of the Stanton Street bridge but expands into the surrounding area.
- \$1 million grant opportunity with a 30% local match.

# Stanton Street Corridor + Bridge – Grant Overview

The proposed feasibility study has six areas of focus:

1. Enhanced pedestrian amenities
  - Pedestrian safety measures
  - Shade canopies
  - Green/open spaces
2. Beautification of the area
3. Improve traffic control measures along Stanton Street





# Stanton Street Bridge + Corridor – Grant Overview

4. Explore the introduction of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) + New technological improvements
5. Possible port expansion
  - Additional SENTRI lanes
  - Multi-modal lanes (bicycle/bus lanes, mass transit)
  - Port redesign
6. Property acquisition + construction





## Next Steps

- Obtain Council direction regarding the City's proposed scope of work and grant applications.
- Appropriate (\$300,000), a 30% match, from the (International Bridges Restricted Fund – P3 Program) as the local match.
- Continue to collect letters of support from the Greater El Paso Region.
- Submit the Economic Adjustment Assistance grant by December 31, 2021.

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## Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



## Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



## Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People