

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

DEPARTMENT: Aviation

AGENDA DATE: October 26, 2021

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, 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 two traffic circles, accommodate the separation of traffic between secured and unsecured vehicles and include utility, landscape, lighting, and pedestrian improvements, for an anticipated total project cost of \$3.7 million, with the City funding 50% of the cost at \$ 1.85 million 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 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.

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 \$1,850,000, with an estimated match of \$1,850,000 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 - \$1,850,000
Airport Enterprise Funds - \$1,850,000

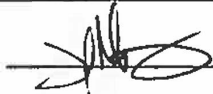
BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____



RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Manager 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. When complete, the bypass will provide two traffic circles, accommodate the separation of traffic between secured and un-secured vehicles and include utility, landscape, lighting, and pedestrian improvements. The primary purpose of the bypass is to address security concerns required by the Department of Defense concerning Fort Bliss Army Base (“Fort Bliss”). Fort Bliss requires a secure vehicle corridor between the installation and William Beaumont Army Medical Center (“WBAMC”). The only viable route is through El Paso International Airport (“Airport”) property upon a publicly dedicated roadway. The roadway in its present configuration cannot provide for both secure and public traffic without a bypass. Once constructed, pre-screened vehicles will be able to travel freely between Fort Bliss and WBAMC. This will eliminate security risks as well as reduce operational overhead. The Airport anticipates a whole project cost of \$3.7 million. The Airport will fund 50% of the cost at \$1.85 million. Through the DEAAG grant, the Airport will request 50% of the project cost totaling \$1.85 million.

Further, that the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to explore funding sources and partnerships and to execute any documents and agreements in relations 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 sign any related documents, including but not limited to budget transfer authorizations, revisions to the project plan, grant amendments, and/or corrections or extensions of the grant that increase, decrease or de-obligate project funds.

(Signatures on the following page)

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Leslie Jean-Pierre
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Samuel Rodriguez, P.E., *for*
Aviation Director