



April 23, 2025

The Honorable Veronica Escobar
Member of Congress
221 N Kansas St Ste 1500
El Paso, TX 79901

Subject: Support for City of El Paso FY26 CPF: I-10 Deck Plaza Project

Dear Congresswoman Escobar:

On behalf of the Downtown Deck Plaza Foundation in the Paso del Norte Community Foundation, I am writing to express my full support for the City of El Paso, Texas, and their \$5,000,000 appropriations request to the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding (CPF) program for the I-10 Deck Plaza Project.

The City of El Paso, Paso del Norte Community Foundation, and Downtown Deck Plaza Foundation engaged in multiple dedicated community outreach efforts in support of the I-10 Deck Plaza project. The I-10 Deck Plaza Planning Study (included in Supporting Documents) includes a planning initiative where public comments can be viewed at a dedicated website. Amenities and green spaces are presented in detail through dozens of public events and venues: <https://www.downtowndeckplaza.org/feedback>.

Funding will be utilized for on-system (TxDOT) structural improvements for the I-10 Deck Plaza including retaining walls, support beams, fire safety, and utilities over a 6-block (0.38 miles) length of Interstate Highway 10 (I-10) in Downtown El Paso, Texas. If the project is awarded, the Deck Plaza Foundation will contribute a \$250,000 (5%) match for the FHWA appropriation.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tracy J. Yellen
Chief Executive Officer

