

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

**AGENDA DATE:** November 12, 2024  
**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** N/A

**CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Omar Martinez, Assist. Director of Legislative Affairs, 915-479-0341  
Roberto Tinajero, International Bridges Director, 915-487-1510

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

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** No 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

**SUBJECT:**

The City of El Paso is requesting \$400,000.00 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Fiscal Year 2025 Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) grant program, with a \$270,000.00 match required from the City, for the Ysleta Port of Entry Short-Term Improvements Feasibility Study.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

On September 20, 2024, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Modernization of the Bridge of the Americas (BOTA) Land Port of Entry. Viable Alternative 4 proposes eliminating commercial cargo operations at BOTA and diverting this traffic to other ports in the region, including the Ysleta Port of Entry. On October 8, 2024, the El Paso City Council approved the International Bridges Department Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and approved submitting a Letter of Support for BOTA Alternative 4.

The Project will result in initial capacity improvements for southbound commercial traffic and operations at the Ysleta Port of Entry and aligns with the Bridges CIP and Council direction provided on 10/8/2024.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

[City Council Agenda File #: 24-1345](#): On 10/8/2024, City Council approved the International Bridges Department 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

[City Council Agenda File #: 24-1392](#): On 10/8/2024, City Council approved submitting a Letter of Support for the Bridge of the Americas Alternative 4

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

\$270,000 from the International Bridges P3 Fund

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

**PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:** International Bridges

**SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:** Economic and International Development

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

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Roberto Tinajero

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