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4. Discussion and action on revisions to the International Policy Agenda and updates on implementation. **26-0585**  
  
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Economic and International Development, Adriana Pulecio, (915) 212-0094  
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5. Discussion and action approving Phase 2 of the Shade Canopy Program. **26-0594**  
  
**All Districts**  
Parks and Recreation, Pablo Caballero, (915) 212-0092
  
6. Discussion and action authorizing City Manager, or designee, to submit nominated census tracts within the City of El Paso to the Texas Governor's Economic Development and Tourism Office for consideration for designation as Opportunity Zones in alignment with the City's Strategic Planning process. **26-0569**  
  
**All Districts**  
Strategic and Legislative Affairs, Alejandra Gorski, (915) 494-2426  
Strategic and Legislative Affairs, Ian Voglewede, (915) 212-1299

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**R E S O L U T I O N**

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

**THAT** the Mayor be authorized to sign, in counterpart originals in both English and Spanish, a Sister City Agreement between the City of El Paso, State of Texas, and the City of Juarez, State of Chihuahua, of the United Mexican States.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.


**CITY OF EL PASO:**

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Renard U. Johnson  
Mayor

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**RATIFICATION OF THE SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY OF JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA, OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES, AND THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The City of Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, of the United Mexican States, and the City of El Paso, Texas, of the United States of America, will be individually known as (“Party”) and collectively (the “Parties”), hereby reaffirm their mutual intention to ratify, update, strengthen, and continue the commitments established in the Sister Cities Agreements, originally entered into April 21, 2005, and ratified March 27, 2018.

**WHEREAS**, the longstanding and positive relationship between the United Mexican States and the United States of America is reflected in the close and dynamic partnership between Ciudad Juárez and El Paso, which together form one of the most interconnected and economically significant binational urban regions along the international border; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic, historical, cultural, and social bonds between these two cities have been forged over centuries through commerce, family ties, shared heritage, and daily cross border interaction, creating a unique binational community that predates the modern international boundary and continues to shape the identity and prosperity of both jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, both cities share common challenges and opportunities related to economic development, environmental sustainability, public health, investment, cultural exchange, and quality of life, among others, which are best addressed through cooperation, dialogue, and coordinated action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to strengthen further institutional collaboration between their respective governments, agencies, and communities in order to promote prosperity, resilience, innovation, and social well-being on both sides of the border; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties recognize the importance of establishing and maintaining a clear legal and institutional framework to guide their cooperative activities, ensure continuity, and provide a foundation for long-term binational engagement in areas of shared interest and mutual benefit;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Agreement is to establish and promote sustained cooperation between the Parties, through the development and implementation of collaborative activities in

areas of mutual interest, including, but not limited to, commerce, investment, production, services, culture, tourism, and such other sectors as may be jointly agreed upon by the Parties. These cooperative efforts are intended to support economic development, strengthen institutional relationships, improve residents' quality of life, and promote the long-term prosperity and stability of the binational region.

## **ARTICLE II GENERAL COMMITMENTS**

Within the framework of coordinated actions for the creation and development of areas of mutual interest, the Parties commit themselves to act in complete fulfillment of their respective powers and legal authorities, as derived from their applicable national, state, and local laws and regulations. In carrying out the objectives of this Agreement, the Parties shall cooperate in good faith, promote effective communication between their respective institutions, and facilitate the exchange of information, expertise, and best practices. These efforts will ensure the orderly, transparent, and effective implementation of all cooperative activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE III COLLABORATIVE AREAS**

The Parties will promote cooperative activities, including but not limited to:

- a. **PROMOTION OF COMMERCE**, through sustained cooperation between public agencies, chambers of commerce, and private-sector organizations in both cities, to facilitate cross-border trade, business development, and market expansion. This cooperation shall include the organization of trade and business missions, participation in regional and international trade fairs, and the exchange of information related to customs procedures, regulatory requirements, and market opportunities. The Parties shall also encourage direct business-to-business engagement, supplier identification, and commercial linkage mechanisms, in order to strengthen binational supply chains, support small and medium-sized enterprises, and increase the volume, diversity, and the value of the goods and services exchanged between El Paso and Ciudad Juárez.
- b. **PROMOTION OF INVESTMENT**, through coordinated economic development efforts aimed at attracting, retaining, and expanding domestic and international investment in both cities. The Parties shall exchange investment delegations, promote priority development sectors and infrastructure projects, and share information regarding incentive programs, permitting processes, and legal and regulatory frameworks. By

aligning their investment attraction strategies and collaborating on outreach to prospective investors, the Parties seek to facilitate joint ventures and shared projects.

- c. **PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY**, through collaborative planning and coordinated actions that support manufacturing, logistics, technology, and other key industrial sectors in the binational region. This cooperation will include the exchange of best practices in industrial development, workforce training, and technology adoption, as well as the promotion of partnerships between industrial parks, research institutions, suppliers, and logistics operators. The Parties will work together to strengthen cross-border production networks and export capacity, improve productivity and innovation, and reinforce the El Paso–Ciudad Juárez corridor's role as a globally competitive industrial and manufacturing hub.
- d. **PROMOTION OF TOURISM**, through cooperation to jointly promote El Paso and Ciudad Juárez as complementary destinations within a shared binational region. This includes the exchange and dissemination of visitor information, coordinated promotion of principal attractions, cultural offerings, and major events through visitor centers and digital platforms, and collaboration in tourism outreach and promotional activities. The Parties will further encourage the development of binational visitor experiences and cross-border travel opportunities with the objective of increasing cross-border visitation, encouraging longer visitor stays, enhancing the international visibility of the region, and consolidating tourism as a key driver of economic development, cultural exchange, and community vitality for both El Paso and Ciudad Juárez.
- e. **PROMOTION OF CULTURE AND EDUCATION**, through sustained collaboration in cultural, educational, and artistic initiatives that foster mutual understanding and strengthen the human connections between the two cities. This cooperation shall include the exchange of artists, students, educators, and cultural professionals; the organization of festivals, exhibitions, academic forums, and performances; and the promotion of language learning, educational exchange programs, institutional partnerships, and heritage preservation. By highlighting shared history, geographic ties, and cultural diversity, the Parties seek to reinforce community identity, expand educational opportunity, encourage civic engagement, and deepen the people-to-people relationships that form the foundation of the Sister Cities partnership.
- f. **PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**, through enhancing regional sustainability and resilience through the coordination of public policies, the

development of joint initiatives, and the support of efforts related to climate, energy, and community advancement. The Parties will encourage institutional cooperation and facilitate the exchange of knowledge, technical expertise, and best practices, with the shared goal of improving the quality of life for residents on both sides of the border. This includes promoting constructive bi-national collaboration to establish a durable framework that supports sustainable progress and contributes to the long-term well-being of the border region.

g. other areas mutually agreed upon by The Parties, consistent with applicable law.

**ARTICLE IV — IMPLEMENTATION**

A binational working group shall be designated by each Party to supervise and coordinate collaborative activities.

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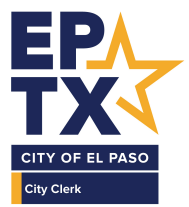
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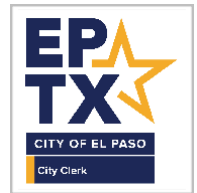
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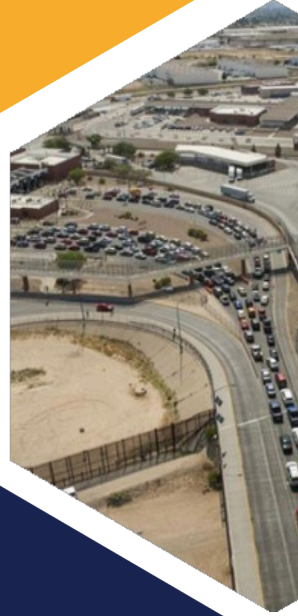
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# INTERNATIONAL POLICY AGENDA

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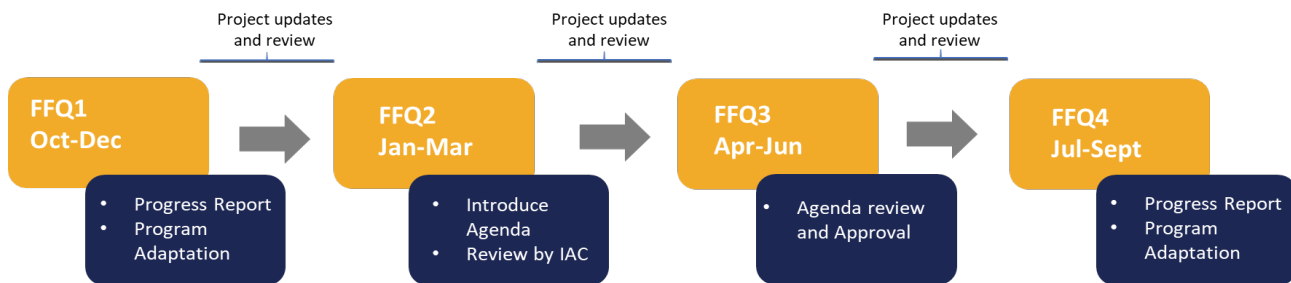
# I. Introduction and Purpose

Economic and International Development, in partnership with Strategic and Legislative Affairs, leads the International Policy Agenda, aligning with the City's Strategic Plan and economic priorities. This policy strengthens international relationships, attracts foreign investment, advances binational infrastructure projects, and promotes coordination among key stakeholders. It also establishes a formal process to inform City Council, enabling staff to support Council's direction in executing projects that drive revenue and economic growth.

## Policy Implementation Process

The International Policy Agenda serves as a guiding framework, fostering coordination, alignment, and a shared vision among City Departments and Agencies with international partners. To effectively execute, City staff will establish a unified framework and policy roadmap to guide decision-making and inform resource allocation, ensuring a strategic, long-term vision for El Paso's international agenda.

### Agenda Implementation Cycle



### Implementation Actions

#### Strategic and Legislative Affairs

- Establishing joint programs with key international partners, including Ciudad Juarez and other strategic global cities
- Coordination with key international state governments
- Coordination with foreign national governments

#### Infrastructure

- Modernizing Ports of Entry
- Utilizing City-owned land
- Expanding FTZ 68 and improving FTZ 68 offerings and programs
- Advocacy for FTZ-USMCA parity

#### Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Program

- International Transition Assistance Program
- FDI Prospecting / Trade Missions
- Tariff impact mitigation and tracking
- FDI targeted incentives

#### Advancing other priorities from City programs participating in the International Affairs Committee

- Public Health
- Office of Emergency Management
- FTZ 68 (Airport)
- International Bridges
- Destination El Paso

## II. Policy Goals and Guiding Principles

### Enhance Cross-Border Economic Integration

#### 1. Strengthen International Partnerships

- o Facilitate high-level engagement with Federal Government agencies in Washington, D.C., Mexico City and other global capitals through strategic visits and discussions
- o Launch Joint trade missions with the Mayors of the City of El Paso and the Municipal President of Ciudad Juarez and other strategic international partners
- o Develop cross border workgroups to encourage communication, data sharing, and growth in regional supply chains
- o Continue City of El Paso Committees and Work Groups, including, but not limited to, Committee on Border Relations, Sister Cities International, and International Affairs Committee

#### 2. Improve Border Infrastructure for Trade and Mobility

- o Develop new financing options for ports
- o Modernize and expand existing infrastructure to accommodate commercial traffic from the anticipated Bridge of the Americas commercial lane closure

#### 3. Facilitate Trade and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

- o Implement and expand International Transition Assistance Program
- o Support the development of workforce programs to match regional labor demand and supply
- o Improve FTZ 68 programs, including expanding authorities in federal legislation
- o Develop targeted incentives for FDI to attract international businesses

### Legislative Priorities for the International Program

This policy agenda is intended to help the City of El Paso in strengthening its role in advocating for border-related policy improvements at the State, Federal, and international levels by enhancing communication and advocacy efforts.

#### 1. Advance Infrastructure Investments

- o Secure funding for transportation projects (e.g., highways, transit, multimodal) particularly high-cost projects including modernizing facilities and inspections equipment
- o Equip ports of entry with Intelligent Transportation Systems
- o Establish procedures to reduce idling time at bridges/ports of entry and support binational mobility
- o Expand federal tax incentives to encourage energy resilience and alternative energy sources at ports of entry
- o Protect funding claw backs from programs that can fund international ports of entry (e.g., U.S. Federal Highway Administration grants, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Inflation Reduction Act)

#### 2. Secure Presidential Permits for the Ysleta-Zaragoza Port of Entry

- o Establish the Ysleta-Zaragoza Port of Entry as a priority in federal planning documents in both countries
- o Secure funding for environmental and feasibility-level planning documents
- o Secure statements of support for the project (federal, state, local, and private-sector)
- o Secure user commitments from logistics and manufacturing companies that would utilize the expanded port

# Appendix A: Supporting Documentation

The following documents were used to create the International Policy Agenda and are available via the hyperlinks below. Contact Adriana Pulecio at [pulecioam@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:pulecioam@elpasotexas.gov) if you have additional questions or are unable to access the documents.

1. [City of El Paso Strategic Plan 2024](#)
2. [Federal Legislative Agenda for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress](#)
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4. [Tariff Mitigation Strategy](#)
5. [Foreign Direct Investment Strategy 2024-2025](#)
6. [Foreign Trade Zone 68 Program](#)

# Appendix B: Major Initiatives

## 1. Joint International Trade and Policy

### Biannual Visits to Mexico City

The City of El Paso, in collaboration with the municipal government of Ciudad Juárez will coordinate biannual visits to Mexico City to strengthen relationships with federal government agencies such as the Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (SRE), Secretaría de Economía, Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes (SCT), and customs and border security entities. These visits are critical to advancing shared infrastructure priorities, promoting foreign direct investment (FDI), and advocating for the region's interests in binational trade facilitation and economic development. Meetings will also engage with Mexico's federal legislative bodies to ensure alignment on strategic initiatives such as the Ysleta-Zaragoza Port of Entry Expansion and the development of energy, water, and transportation corridors that support regional industry.

### Biannual Visits to Washington, D.C.

The City of El Paso hosts Ciudad Juárez will coordinate biannual visits to Washington, DC to ensure that both cities maintain a consistent presence and engagement with key federal agencies and congressional offices, conveying accurate representation of the border and regional needs. These visits will focus on advocating for funding opportunities, regulatory improvements, and policy reforms that impact cross-border commerce, infrastructure, workforce development, and immigration. Meetings with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Department of Transportation (DOT), the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), and relevant Congressional Committees will be central to reinforcing the City's role as a national leader in international trade and border innovation. These engagements also provide a platform to elevate local and regional needs related to climate resilience, energy security, and port modernization.

### Joint Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Prospecting

The City of El Paso and Ciudad Juárez will launch a Joint FDI Prospecting Program in collaboration with key business support organizations including CONCANACO, CANACO, CANACINTRA, and INDEX. This initiative utilizes coordinated outreach strategies, investment promotion events, and tailored business intelligence tools to attract domestic and foreign companies seeking to invest in the El Paso–Juárez binational region. The program will target businesses in manufacturing, logistics, clean energy, and advanced technology sectors, offering a pipeline of investment-ready opportunities. Customized site visits, investor roundtables, and business matchmaking efforts will enhance visibility and reduce barriers for international firms interested in acquiring, relocating, or expanding operations in the region.

### Joint Supply Chain Tracking

A shared data framework will be developed to track and analyze supply chain activity across the El Paso–Juárez region, with the goal of improving operational efficiency and reducing delays at ports of entry. This initiative involves cooperation between both cities, customs agencies, and private sector partners to establish key performance indicators (KPIs), monitor inventory movement, and anticipate disruptions. Data will inform strategic investments in infrastructure, labor force alignment, and logistics planning. The joint system will also support long-term planning for nearshoring and reshoring efforts by providing real-time insights into binational supply chain dynamics.

### Trade Events

The City of El Paso, in collaboration with Ciudad Juárez and regional business organizations, will organize and participate in strategic trade events that position the region as a global hub for commerce and innovation. These include participation in international trade expos, border innovation summits, sector-specific investment forums, and joint city presentations at high-profile economic development conferences in North America, Europe, and Asia. Trade events will showcase the unique advantages of the El Paso–Juárez binational region, highlight industrial and logistics assets, and foster connections with site selectors, investors, and multinational corporations. A calendar of annual events will be created in coordination with the binational working group to ensure alignment and maximize impact.

## USMCA Advocacy and Regional Trade Alignment

The City of El Paso will advance a coordinated USMCA advocacy strategy to ensure trade policy reflects the needs of border communities. This includes ongoing monitoring of USMCA implementation and the 2026 review process, with a focus on trade facilitation, infrastructure, and regional competitiveness. The City will prioritize FTZ and USMCA parity to support North American manufacturing and cross-border production, while advancing unified regional positions on port modernization, integrated logistics, local government engagement, and supply chain resilience.

## International Engagements

The City of El Paso will pursue targeted engagement with priority international markets and key trade corridors, logistics hubs, and industry clusters to expand trade, investment, and institutional partnerships. These efforts will include participation in international forums, trade missions, and coordinated engagements with foreign government agencies, industry leaders, and multilateral organizations. The goal is to position El Paso as a strategic gateway for global commerce, strengthen relationships beyond the U.S.–Mexico corridor, and attract diversified foreign direct investment aligned with the City’s economic priorities.

## Binational Tourism Promotion

The City of El Paso, in collaboration with Ciudad Juárez and regional partners, will advance coordinated tourism efforts through joint marketing, digital cross-promotion, and shared participation in trade and travel industry engagements.

## Binational Sustainability and Resilience

The City of El Paso, in collaboration with Ciudad Juárez and regional partners, will advance coordinated sustainability and resilience efforts through policy alignment, program development, and support for climate, energy, and environmental initiatives across the border region.

## 2. Ysleta-Zaragoza Port of Entry Expansion Project: Feasibility Study

The Ysleta International Port of Entry provides a critical link between the largest Mexican concentration of maquiladora manufacturing activities in Juárez and distribution centers and consumer markets across the United States.

- Over \$145 billion of trade between the United States and México passed just through the City of El Paso in 2024, of which \$84 billion crosses via the Ysleta-Zaragoza Port of Entry.
- Expanding the Ysleta-Zaragoza International Port of Entry is necessary to accommodate a growing volume of trade and to absorb commercial traffic from Bridge of the Americas (BOTA).
- This project has garnered statements of support from partners in the United States and Mexico (both public and private sectors), which is necessary to secure Presidential Permits for the project.
- There is significant private sector demand for warehousing in land adjacent to the Ysleta International Port of Entry, including land owned by the City of El Paso and Riverside Industrial Park.
- The feasibility study will result in data, planning, and design work necessary to secure approximately \$500 million for implementation.

### Total Estimated Cost Breakdown

| Task | Description                               | Cost        |
|------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1    | Traffic Study (Port modeling)             | \$1,500,000 |
| 2    | Off-System vs. On-System Study            | \$1,500,000 |
| 3    | Inspection Stations Usage Study           | \$2,000,000 |
| 4    | Preliminary Design & Feasibility Estimate | \$5,000,000 |
|      | Total                                     | \$10,000,00 |

### Task 1. Port Modeling: Current vs. Post-BOTA Commercial Traffic Removal

- Data collection and stakeholder engagement
- Origin-destination and mode split analysis
- Microsimulation of current and future scenarios
- Final report with recommendations

### Task 2. Off-System vs. On-System Impacts Study

- Roadway condition inventory
- Connectivity and access study
- GIS mapping and traffic forecasting
- Infrastructure impact report

### Task 3. TxDOT and Texas DPS Inspection Station Usage Study

- Baseline usage data collection
- Truck flow and inspection rate analysis
- Demand forecast modeling
- Conceptual facility design for expansion

### Task 4. Preliminary Concept Design & Feasibility-Level Cost Estimate

- Up to 3 conceptual site layout options
- Cross-border flow diagrams and access points
- Conceptual utility layouts
- Cost estimates at feasibility-level accuracy



## 2. Paso del Norte and Stanton Ports of Entry Project Development Study

### Program Summary

The Paso del Norte (PDN) and Stanton International Bridges Project Development Study focuses on improving mobility, safety, equity, economic development, and transportation challenges with more than 500,000 pedestrians and 650,00 vehicles crossing northbound and southbound at the Paso del Norte and Stanton ports of entry on a monthly basis.

Total Estimated Cost: \$2,000,000

The project scope of work will result in data, planning, and design work necessary to secure approximately \$200 million for implementation. Tasks include:

T1: Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan

T2: Analysis of Needs and Demands

T3: Pedestrian Safety and Amenities Infrastructure Analysis

T4: Traffic Control Infrastructure and Requirements Analysis

T5: Bridges Conceptual Design and Expansion Gap Analysis



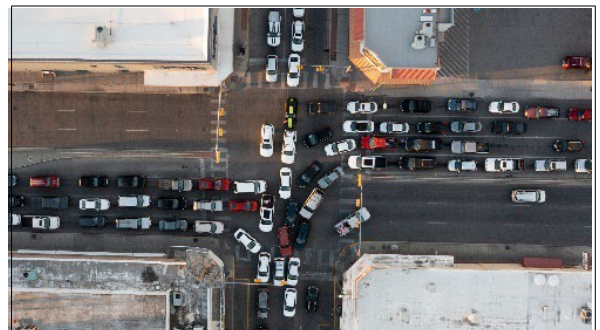
- T6: Infrastructure Cost Estimates
- T7: Alternatives and Constraints Analysis
- T8: Benefit-Cost Analysis
- T9: Environmental Summary
- T10: Final Report

**High Traffic Incidents:** There is a high incidence of speed-related and intersection-related incidents in the study area, leading to traffic delays and accidents. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Crash Records Information System (CRIS) Query system shows that a total of 664 speed-related incidents and 2,537 intersection-related incidents were recorded within the study area from February 2018 through February 2023 (TxDOT 2023).

**Pedestrian Safety:** Pedestrian safety improvements are needed to protect pedestrians and cyclists from high-speed and distracted traffic. From 2015 to 2021, within a one-mile radius encompassing Downtown El Paso and neighborhoods adjacent to the PDN and Stanton International Bridges, 189 incidents involving pedestrians occurred. Of those 189, nine were fatal.

**Responding to BOTA Closures:** Although GSA has told regional stakeholders that there will not be a full closure of personal vehicle and pedestrian crossings for the Bridge of the Americas (BOTA) Modernization Project, the City of El Paso expects that much of that traffic will utilize the PDN and Stanton Ports of Entry.

**Presidential Permit:** Much of the work planned by the City of El Paso will not require a Presidential Permit. Improvements will occur along ingress and egress routes like Stanton Street and in City rights of way.





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Discussion and action approving Phase 2 of the Shade Canopy Program.

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**CONTACT PERSON NAME:** Pablo Caballero

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**AGENDA ITEM:**

Discussion and action approving Phase 2 of the Shade Canopy Program.

**ISSUE STATEMENT:**

The item asks for the City Council's approval to commence the roll out of Phase 2 of the Shade Canopy Program.

It is accompanied by a presentation by the Parks and Recreation Department on the second phase of the Shade Canopy Program funded by the 2022 Community Progress Bond. The presentation summarizes the canopies that were installed through Phase 1 of the program, reviews the selection criterion of the program, and identifies the locations that will benefit from Phase 2.

**BACKGROUND:**

Community Progress Bond - Three bonds approved on Nov. 8, 2022, including Prop. B which allocated \$20M for Parks and Recreation and Community and Human Development Items.

Council had received an initial presentation on Phase 1 of the Shade Canopy Program funded by Prop. B on Aug. 1, 2023.

**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

Approve the commencement of the Shade Canopy Program Phase 2 roll out.

**COMMITTEE REVIEW AND/OR RECOMMENDATION:**

Not applicable.

**COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH (if applicable, as an attachment) – please include:**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board received an update on Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects, focusing on Phase I of the Shade Canopy Program, on Sep. 10, 2025.

**RELATED CITY POLICIES:**

Not applicable.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

City Council approved the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Department and the Community and Human Development Department for the roll-out of Phase 1 of the Shade Canopy Program as part of the Community Progress Bond, Prop. B, on August 1, 2023.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

- Legal counsel reviewed as a part of Council packet
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**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Not applicable.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. PowerPoint presentation on the Shade Canopy Program Update, created by the Parks and Recreation Department.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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Discussion and action authorizing City Manager, or designee, to submit nominated census tracts within the City of El Paso to the Texas Governor's Economic Development and Tourism Office for consideration for designation as Opportunity Zones in alignment with the City's Strategic Planning process.

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