

City of El Paso – Aviation Department

5 MW Solar Farm Project





Strategic Alignment

- Goal 1: Create an environment conducive to strong, sustainable economic development
- Goal 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community
- 30 BY 30 Initiative under ITEM 24 : Create and implement an Urban Energy Plan







Project Description

- Solar farm footprint approximately 40 acres, located on airfield
- Ground mounted solar PV system with a 5-MW capacity; the second largest solar installation in El Paso
- Electricity generated will offset the airport's consumption and other City facilities
- This is a partnership with the City of El Paso and EPE







Solar Farm Location





Virtual Power Purchase Agreement

• EPE will own and maintain the installation

 Airport will benefit from the renewable generation by signing a virtual power purchase agreement

 The proposed term of the agreement is 30 years





Benefits

- Environmental
 - Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction
 - GHGs cause climate change by trapping heat in the atmosphere
 - Improved air quality
 - Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)
- Economic
 - \$ savings
 - Budgetary certainty (utility bills)
- Resilience
 - Lowering ELP's peak demand





Airport and City

- Airport Total Demand of all the meters is 3 MW
 - Terminal
 - Cargo Center
 - Airfield Lighting
 - Rental Car Center
 - Air Rescue Station
 - Other minor Meters

- City to use 2 MW for City Facilities
 - City Hall
 - PD
 - FD
 - Parks
 - Libraries
 - Museums





Rate Components

AIRPORT:

Rate will be a function of:

- Capital Costs
- O&M Costs
- EPE Cost (Virtual)

CITY:

Rate will be a function of:

- Capital Costs
- O&M Costs
- EPE Cost (Virtual)

 Rates will be determined by the bids EPE receives for the construction of the project





Process Timeline

Early 2021

ELP identified opportunity for a small scale solar installation

Fall 2021

Consultant completed a feasibility and site study

Spring 2023

Complete contract negotiations

Early 2024

NTP for construction













Spring 2021

ELP and EPE begin discussions on large scale solar installation

Spring 2022

EPE & ELP work together to issue an RFP





Mission

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



Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People



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



Misión

Brindar servicios excepcionales para respaldar una vida y un lugar de alta calidad para nuestra comunidad



Integridad, Respeto, Excelencia, Responsabilidad, Personas



Desarrollar una economía regional vibrante, vecindarios seguros y hermosos y oportunidades recreativas, culturales y educativas excepcionales impulsadas por un gobierno de alto desempeño

