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

AGENDA DATE: May 10, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: No. 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development.

SUBGOAL:

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action requesting City Council support for the staff recommended project that has been selected to submit for an INFRA Grant under the Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant Program (MPDG) for the Department of Transportation (DOT) to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

This item will provide an overview of the proposed project for this grant. This project is anticipated to significantly improve infrastructure and economic development.

On November 15, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed the Infrastructure and Jobs Act of 2021 into law and appropriated \$2.85 billion to be awarded by the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2022 for transportation infrastructure projects under the MPDG Program. As part of the City's commitment to the success of our infrastructure, the City wishes to apply to the Multimodal Projects program to secure funding for a modernization and expansion feasibility study for the Ysleta Port of Entry (POE). The study would serve to support and guide future investments in the Ysleta-Zaragoza international port of entry.

The proposed El Paso International Bridge System Needs Assessment would be a system-wide study of the El Paso Ports of Entry, focusing on transportation modeling, looking at origin/destination and freight industry dynamics among other issues. The goals for this needs assessment would be to study existing transportation patterns and plan for future demand and system pressures.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

<u>AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:</u> \$2,000,000 in required grant matching funds from International Bridges Revenues – Dept. 564 - Fund 3302 - Division 64880.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? _x_YES ___NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: International Bridges Department SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvements Department

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