



Item 23

# Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)

Authorizing the Submission of FY23 Applications to the Discretionary Grant Program

Goal 1. Create an environment conducive to strong, sustainable economic development



February 7, 2023

# Council Requested Action

City Council support for the submission of the following staff recommended projects to the FY23 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) federal discretionary grant program:

- Five Points Reconstruction (construction grant)
- Paso del Norte & Stanton Bridges Feasibility Study (planning grant)





# Overview

- Grant Awards to Date
- Discretionary Grants Action Plan
- Future Grant Submission Timeline
  - FY23 RAISE Applications



## \$71.6M IN AWARDED GRANTS\*

**\$5M** To the Airport for Terminal Improvements (via FAA)

**\$13M** To the Airport for RWY 8R and TWY U (via USDOT)

**\$8.8M** For Sun Metro Buses (via USDOT)

**\$25M** For Advanced Manufacturing (via EDA)

**\$12M** For the Ysleta Port of Entry (RAISE via USDOT)

**\$1M** For the PDN Trail (CPF via Congress)

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**\$0.9M** Downtown Deck Plaza Design (RAISE via USDOT)

**\$1.75M** For Airport Solar Installation (CPF via Congress)

# DISCRETIONARY GRANTS ACTION PLAN

The **Discretionary Grants Action Plan** contains details on planned grant submissions for that quarter, including:

- Projects
- Priorities
- Grant Programs
- Submitted Applications
- Awards

**\$71.6M AWARDS**



**\$450M+ APPLICATIONS**



**\$160M+ COLLABORATIVE**



**20+ PROJECT PARTNERS**



**15 PLANNED APPLICATIONS FOR FFY23**



# Future Grants Submission Timeline

- FEBRUARY 2023:** Five Points Reconstruction + Paso del Norte & Stanton Bridge Feasibility (RAISE via USDOT)
- SPRING 2023:** I-10/Deck Park in Partnership with TxDOT (MEGA via USDOT)
- SPRING 2023:** Business One-Stop Shop Program Feasibility (EAA via EDA)
- SPRING 2023:** Community Project Funding (Appropriations via Congress)
- SUMMER 2023:** Ysleta Port of Entry Feasibility Study (SMART via USDOT)

# FY23 RAISE GRANT PROGRAM

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program
  - Part of the Infrastructure and Jobs Act of 2021
  - Five-year program with annual application opportunities
  - \$1.5 billion appropriated for FY23
  - Administered by USDOT
- FY23 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released December 15, 2022
- February 28, 2023 deadline for submission





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Project 1:  
**Five Points Reconstruction**

**Budget: \$10M**

**Request: \$8M | Local Match: \$2M**

**Local Match Funding Source:** Existing  
Construction Funds

**Strategic Plan Alignment:** Activate Targeted  
(Re)Development (Goal 1.1 & 25 by 25); Improve  
the Visual Impression of the Community (Goal 3.1)

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# Five Points Reconstruction

- Promote pedestrian safety, economic development, and beautification
- Catalyze the revitalization of a neighborhood center
- Investment in targeted redevelopment area
- Request funding to reconstruct North Piedras:
  - Reduce five-lane road to three lanes
  - Add ADA-complaint, multi-modal infrastructure
  - On-street parking, extended sidewalks and bulb-outs, strategic mid-block crosswalks and pedestrian amenities





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Project 2:  
**Paso del Norte & Stanton  
Bridges Feasibility Study**

**Budget: \$1.875M**

**Request: \$1.5M | Local Match: \$375k**

**Local Match Funding Source: P3 Fund**

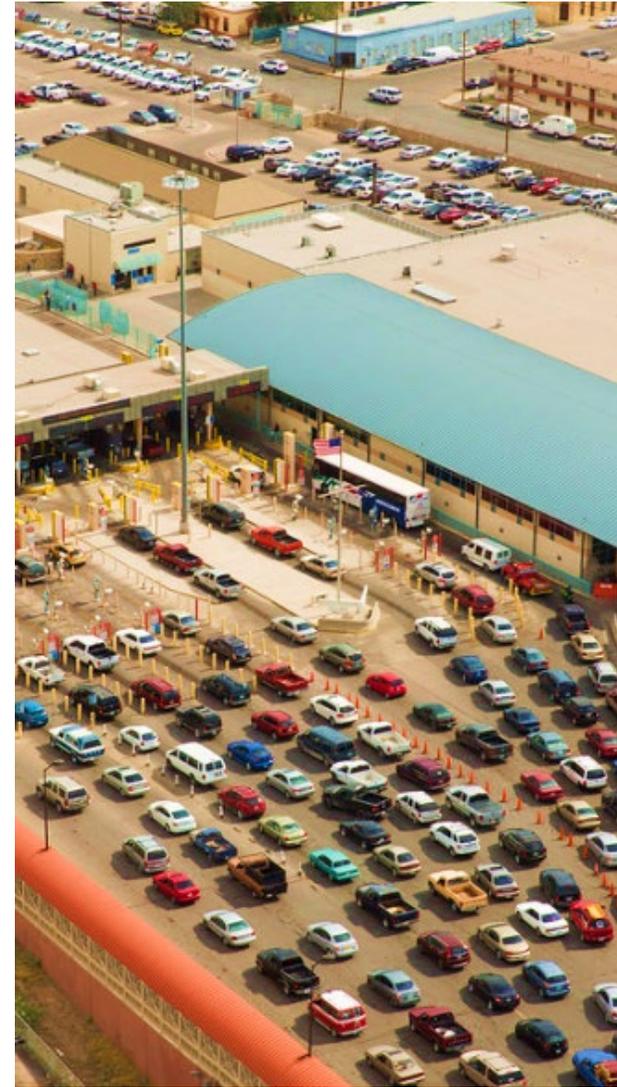
**Strategic Plan Alignment:** Enhance cross-border mobility experience for bridge users (Goal 1.5 & 25 by 25); Enhance a regional comprehensive transportation system (Goal 7.2)

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# Paso del Norte & Stanton Bridges Feasibility Study

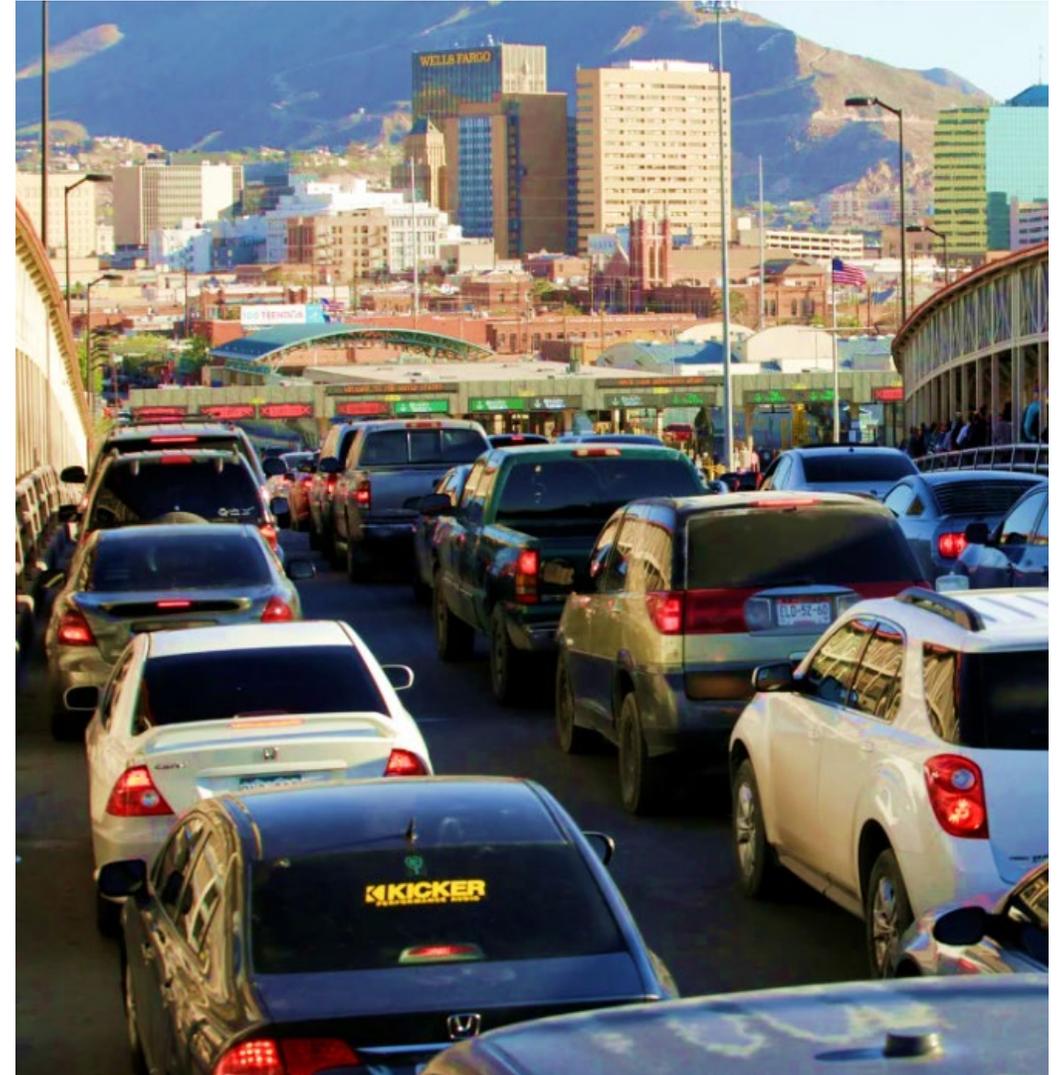
- Enhance cross-border experience for international bridge users
- Cross-border vehicle traffic using downtown El Paso Ports of Entry (POE) predominantly approach or depart the POEs via local surface streets
- Current area experiences congestion that impacts vehicle and pedestrian traffic patterns across the streets leading to the POEs
- Request funding for professional engineering services to:
  - Develop a transportation infrastructure feasibility study for the Paso del Norte and Stanton International Bridges
  - Evaluate options and provide recommendations for traffic, safety, and capacity improvements



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## Mission

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



## Values

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,  
**A**ccountability, **P**eople



## Vision

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

