

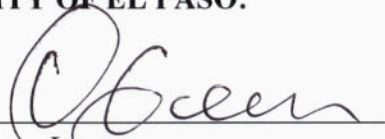
**RESOLUTION**

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

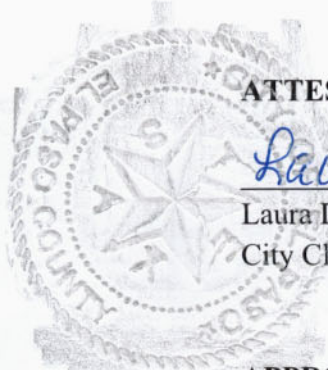
**THAT** the Director of Aviation for the City of El Paso International Airport is authorized to sign a letter of support directed to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation providing that the City of El Paso strongly supports the Department of Transportation approval of the Joint Application for Approval of and Antitrust Immunity for Commercial Alliance Agreement proposal submitted by Allegiant Air and Viva Aerobus regarding transborder air service between the United States and Mexico for the region of El Paso.


**APPROVED** this 30th day of January, 2023.

**CITY OF EL PASO:**


  
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Oscar Leeser  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**




  
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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Josette Flores  
Senior Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Samuel Rodriguez, P.E.  
Aviation Director



# Department of Aviation

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January 25, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington D.C., 20590-0001

**RE: DOT-OST-2021-0152**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in support of the "Joint Application for Approval of and Antitrust Immunity for Commercial Alliance Agreement" submitted by Allegiant Air and Viva Aerobus.

Allegiant Air and Viva Aerobus are proposing an alliance to bring competition to the US/Mexico market. El Paso has the largest Hispanic community without international service from El Paso International Airport (EPIA). This lack of service causes thousands of local residents to cross the border and fly out of Ciudad Juarez and larger hub airports resulting in longer travel times and increased costs. The proposed alliance will pave the way for opportunities for both carriers for international routes from El Paso.

Based on the recently completed leakage study, EPIA has identified over 500 passengers the cross the border each day to use the airport in Ciudad Juarez. The primary destination markets for El Paso based passengers are Cancun, Mexico City and Guadalajara. EPIA has been meeting with airlines to develop new routes from El Paso to said markets in order to improve service for El Paso based passengers and to stimulate the markets between the pair cities. This agreement will allow more people access to international flights between the US and Mexico, giving a greater opportunity to El Paso to receive new international service routes.

We appreciate your consideration and support of this proposal that would potentially bring international service to the West Texas, Southern New Mexico region.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Rodriguez".

Sam Rodriguez, PE  
Aviation Director



**Sam Rodriguez, PE, CM, cfm, cnu-a**  
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