



## FY23 GOAL TEAM REPORT RESULTS GOAL 4

Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through *Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments* 

EXCEPTIONAL RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## **POWERED BY THE TEAM**



## **GOAL 4**

- Capital Improvement Department
- Libraries
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# Key Accomplishments Transformative Results Since Strategic Plan Adoption FY23 highlights





































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#### Final Goal Team Report to be provided May 8<sup>th</sup>









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#### GOAL 4 | 5 DEPARTMENTS

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#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

- 100% of Quality of Life projects completed within contractual time frame
- 100% of Quality of Life projects completed at or under budget

#### LIBRARIES

- Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award for the Fourth consecutive year in 2022
- Continued growth of bookmobile service to outlying areas
- Continued renovation of existing libraries
- Library services have returned to pre-pandemic levels
- In-person programming continues to grow post-pandemic with 8 standard programs per branch per week
- Fully accredited by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission
- All facilities (12), not undergoing renovation, are fully open and functional
- Read and Ride monthly story-time with El Paso Streetcar continues with great crowds
- WorkPLACE Entrepreneurial and Job Placement Support Results through Q3 (21,407 participants, 113 Workshops, 21 Partnerships)
- Total Graduates of Career Online High School have grown to 122
- FY23 program attendance continues to outpace FY22 with busiest quarter remaining

#### MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

- Construction began for MACC and La Nube Children's Museum on target to open in 2023-2024.
- EP Best of the Best for El Paso Museum of Art, Chalk the Block.
- Funded 14 Artists and 12 Organizations with support of a \$250K NEA award to support the local creative sector.
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#### PARKS AND RECREATION

- Completion of automated irrigation pilot project at 40 parks
- Memorial Park Master Plan in progress
- Transformed WinterFest into a must-visit Holiday destination
- Completed renovations at Pavo Real Recreation Center and completed Segment II of the Playa Drain Trail
- Completed park improvements of Dick Shinaut Skate Park and Joey Barraza and Vino Memorial Park
- Trailhead construction at Mary Frances Kiesling and Chuck Heinrich
- Over 300 Live Active EP Events
- All senior centers opened ahead of schedule
- In person programming continues to grow post-pandemic including record-breaking Mini Sports registrations

#### **ZOO**

- Opening Penguin Oasis (2nd largest expense of bond funding).
- Significant exhibit renovation and restoration to Leopard, Elephant and Sea Lion.
- Opening animal holding II facility on grounds for animal quarantine, introductions and health issues.
  - This is a multipurpose facility for all animal areas of the Zoo.
- Opening a new restroom facility in the South American section for the Zoo.
  - This will have a Male, Female, Family restrooms and nursing room.
- Overall YTD Q2 attendance up over 18%.
- Spring Baby season:
  - o 7 Pronghorns born (Antelope like animal)
  - 2 Cotton Top Tamarins born (small primate)
    - Giraffe Currently Pregnant and due any day. The first giraffe born in El Paso Ever!
  - 2 Preswalski Horse
  - 6 Mexican Wolves
  - Assorted birds and reptile births





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QoL Projects Completed Within Time Frame



Program Participation





## Key Performance Indicators Goal 4



#### Parks & Recreation

Parks & Rec Program Participation





# Key Performance Indicators Goal 4

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#### Zoo

Event Attendance (Zoo)

Penguin Exhibit Opening







## Key Performance Indicators Goal 4



Key Performance Indicators	FY17 Actual	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Actual	FY23 (Thru Q2)	Target
MCAD: Increase in Program Attendance	300,630	318,929	401,535	260,011	28,930	222,881	155,520	227,340
Library: Program attendance	170,284	166,032	* <b>155,660</b> *branch closed due to renovations	70,383	<b>87,460</b> (Virtual)	*72,466	*56,460	73,000
Parks: Recreation program participation	627,690	849,545	790,797	517,068*	321,790*	1,368,141	848,384	1,370,878
Zoo: Increase Event Attendance by 3% annually	36,873	41,768	43,191	<b>15,435</b> * *C-19 closure	18,851	41,923	16,500	40,000
% Quality of Life projects completed within contractual time frame	93%	100%	100%	100%	95%	100%	100%	90%
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#### Strategy link + 30 by 30

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Grow signature holiday attraction(s)

MCAD worked with a cross-functional team to assist in organizing Winterfest which attracted 373,781 people to the Downtown Arts District.

MCAD activated the Downtown Art and Farmers Market to expand vending opportunities throughout Winterfest to attract shoppers and support local small businesses.



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Create innovative recreational, educational and cultural programs	<ul> <li>Parks &amp; Recreation</li> <li>New website, designed with voice of customer in mind</li> <li>Re-opening of all eligible facilities</li> <li>Completion of Master Planning Process for Mary Frances Kiesling Park and in process for Memorial Park</li> </ul>	
Align and implement key	<ul> <li>Began or beginning renovations at Nolan Richardson, Grandview Senior</li></ul>	
investment strategies sustaining and	Center, Multi-Purpose Center, Pat O'Rourke and Leo Cancellare and	
enhancing park system operations and	addition of Eastside Sports Phase II with several projects being	
outdoor offerings	completed in the Fall	



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#### Zoo:

- In Design:
  - Galapagos Exhibit
  - Komodo Dragons Den
- Still To Come:
  - Additional Shade Structures
  - Parking Lot Enhancements



#### Strategy link + 30 by 30

Deliver bond projects impacting quality of life across the city in a timely and efficient manner

Implement trailhead plan

 Complete playground shade structures and themed all abilities playground quality of life elements of the Community Progress Bond



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Deliver bond projects impacting quality of life (QoL) across the city in a timely and efficient manner	MACC under construction to be completed September 2023 La Nube Children's Museum under construction. Prior to the fire was to open in 2023 opening; opening likely to be delayed until 2024.
Complete Quality of Life Bond Projects and develop signature programming: Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) Children's Museum, Multipurpose Performing Arts and Entertainment Center (MPC)	MPC site selection evaluation on-going All other QoL facilities to be completed in early FY 24