

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

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: 01/30/2024

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

Rep. Chris Canales, 915-212-0008

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 8 – Nurture & Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

SUBJECT:

**APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what?
Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.**

Discussion and action that the Mayor, as representative of the City in intra/inter-governmental relationships, send a letter to the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to express the City of El Paso's preference that the Bridge of the Americas Land Port of Entry (BOTA LPOE) project move forward with a project scope that removes commercial truck traffic from the LPOE.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

This proposal seeks to express the City of El Paso's preference that the GSA's Bridge of the Americas Land Port of Entry modernization project plans eliminate commercial truck traffic. The focus of this action is on minimizing adverse effects on nearby residential areas while enhancing the bridge's functionality for regular users. This stance is based on community feedback expressing concerns during public scoping meetings about negative impacts on air quality, public health, and the character of nearby neighborhoods. The City aims to formalize this preference through this letter to ensure that community needs are central to the project's development.

The benefits include addressing citizen concerns, promoting public health, and enhancing overall living conditions for El Paso residents. Advocating for the removal of commercial traffic aligns with the City's commitment to creating a sustainable environment while continuing to support modernization at the Port of Entry.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:
