



CITY OF EL PASO

PDN C3 Climate Action Plan

Paso del Norte Community Climate Collaborative

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Community + Human Development

Our responsibility is to serve as the catalyst for community partnerships, collaboration + change ensuring **equity, resilience + sustainability** for the most vulnerable El Pasoans by giving voice to the underrepresented, supporting a strong system of human services & investing in El Paso homes, families + neighborhoods.

Advance Equity

Reduce Poverty

Build Sustainability

Climate + Sustainability

- Mitigation + Adaptation
- Education + Awareness
- Policy + Practice

Civic Empowerment

- Equity + Access
- Neighborhood Engagement
- Volunteerism

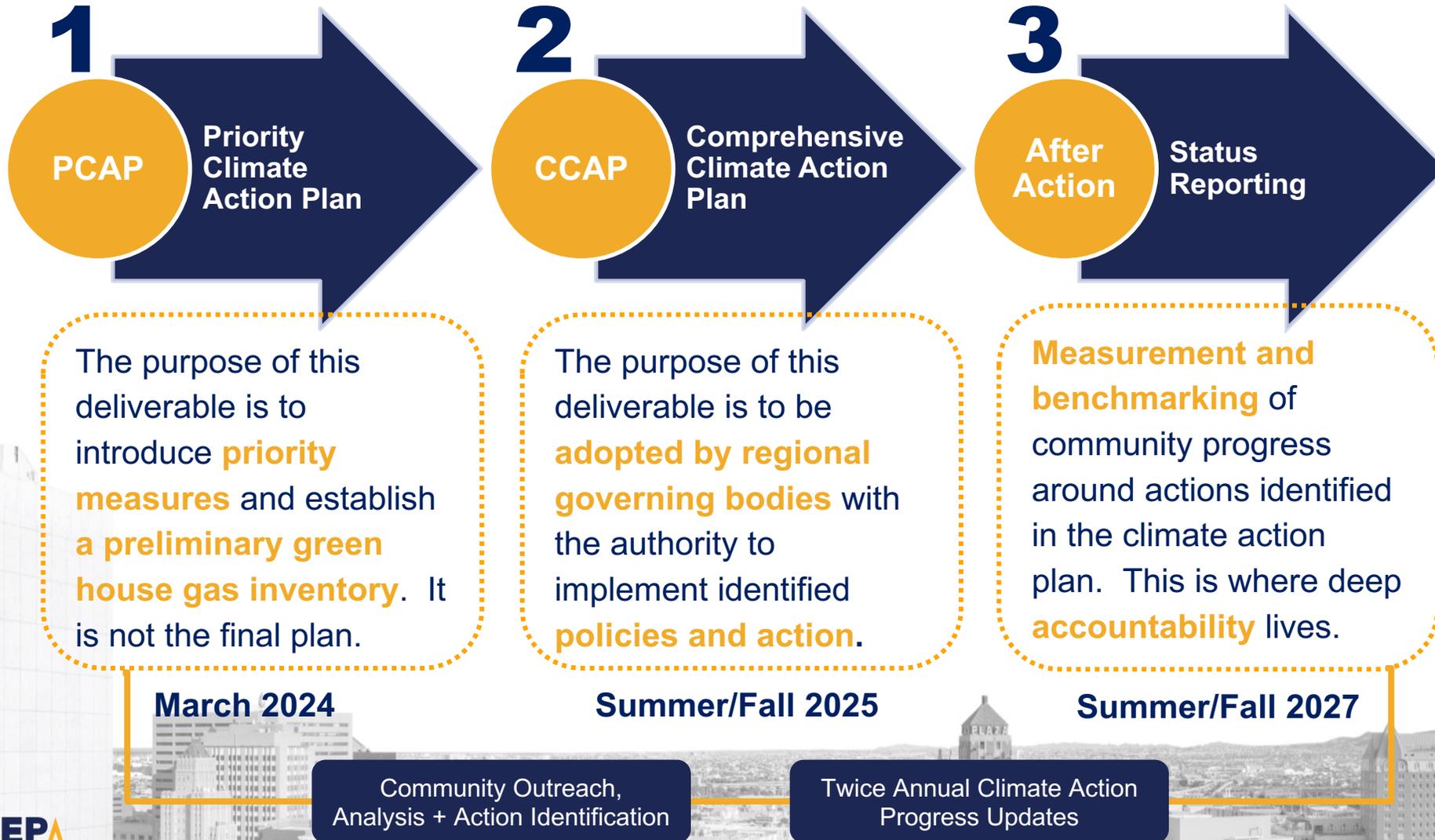
Human Services

- Homelessness
- Health+ Wellbeing
- Recreation + Lifestyle

Neighborhood Development

- Housing
- Community Revitalization
- Quality of Life

Clarifying Climate Action



Our responsibility is to address the impacts of the global climate crisis as they relate directly to *the **urban desert environment and vulnerable populations** of the Chihuahuan Desert.*

EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

Planning

Phase 1 :

- Metropolitan Statistical Area was awarded **\$1 million** to develop a regional climate action plan
- **Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)** is part of Phase 1 and needs to be submitted by March 1st to be eligible for Phase 2

Implementation

Phase 2 :

- **\$4.6 billion budget** to award individual projects identified in PCAPs
- Individual projects are eligible for up to **\$500 million for implementation**
- Selection of projects are competitive and based on Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) criteria



**CLIMATE
POLLUTION
REDUCTION
GRANTS**

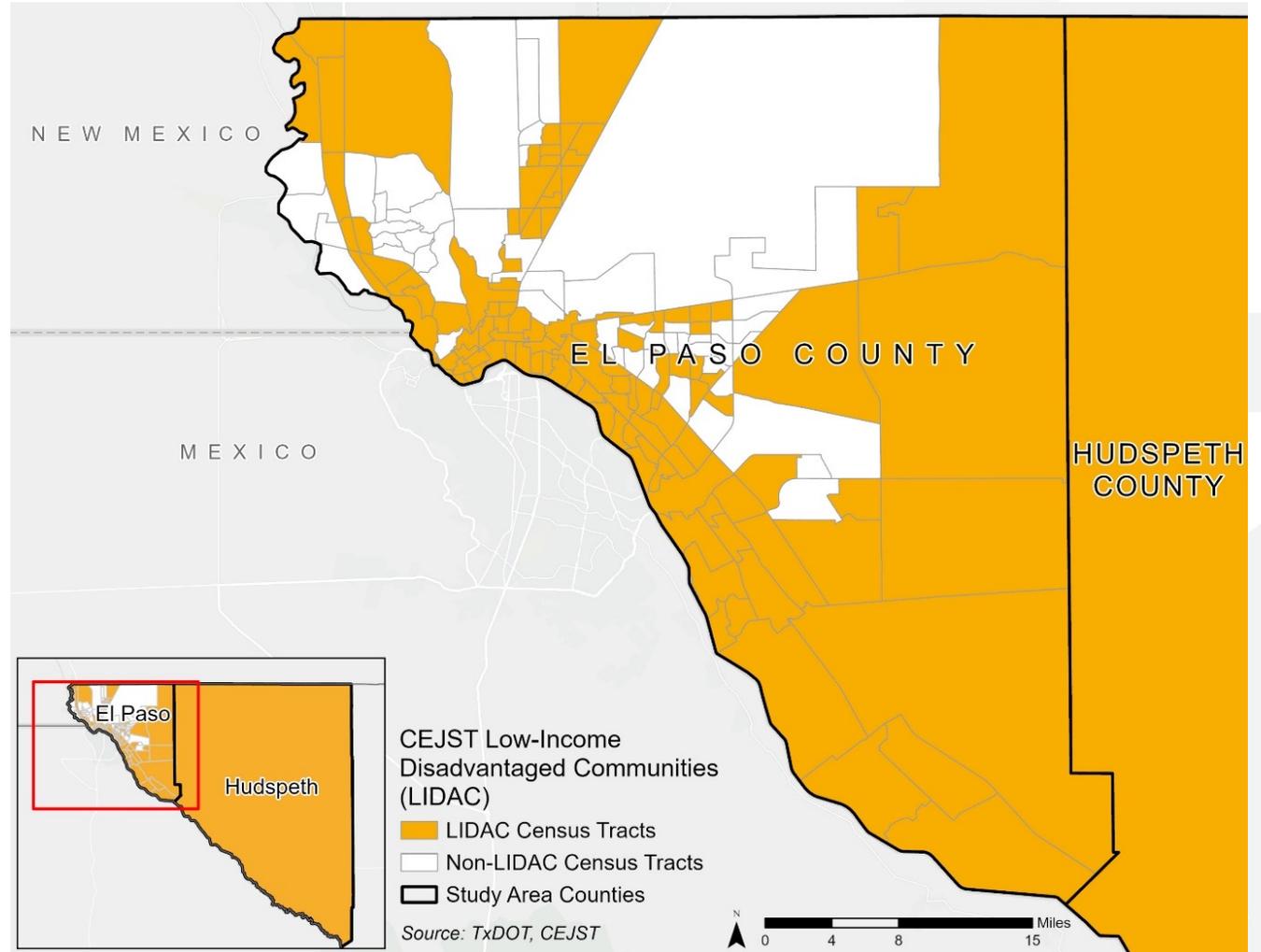
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

April 1st Deadline to apply for up to **\$500 million** in implementation grants!

Serving the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Orange shading on map illustrates disadvantaged census tracts in El Paso region from EPA's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)

Nearly **70% of region's census tracts** are identified as **disadvantaged**, which includes 65% of region's residents



Identifying Priority Measures

A priority measure is a list of **policies, projects, programs**, or other measures that will reduce **GHG** emissions, with a focus on the region's highest priority sectors

- Include **GHG** emissions reduction quantification
- Low Income and Disadvantaged Community (**LIDAC**) impact assessment
- Review entities with **implementation authority**

*Address the specific impacts of the global climate crisis as they relate to the **urban desert environment and vulnerable populations** of the Chihuahuan Desert.*

Objective # 1

*Ensure consistent and transparent collaboration inclusive of all stakeholders assuring **tangible results and appropriate public accountability**.*

Objective # 2



**Leadership
Steering
Committee**

640+

Survey Responses

95+

**Open House
Attendees**

Regional Priority Measures are a reflection of the community's feedback identifying what community benefits will be most impactful to regional residents.



**Level 2
Stakeholders**



**Level 1
Stakeholders**

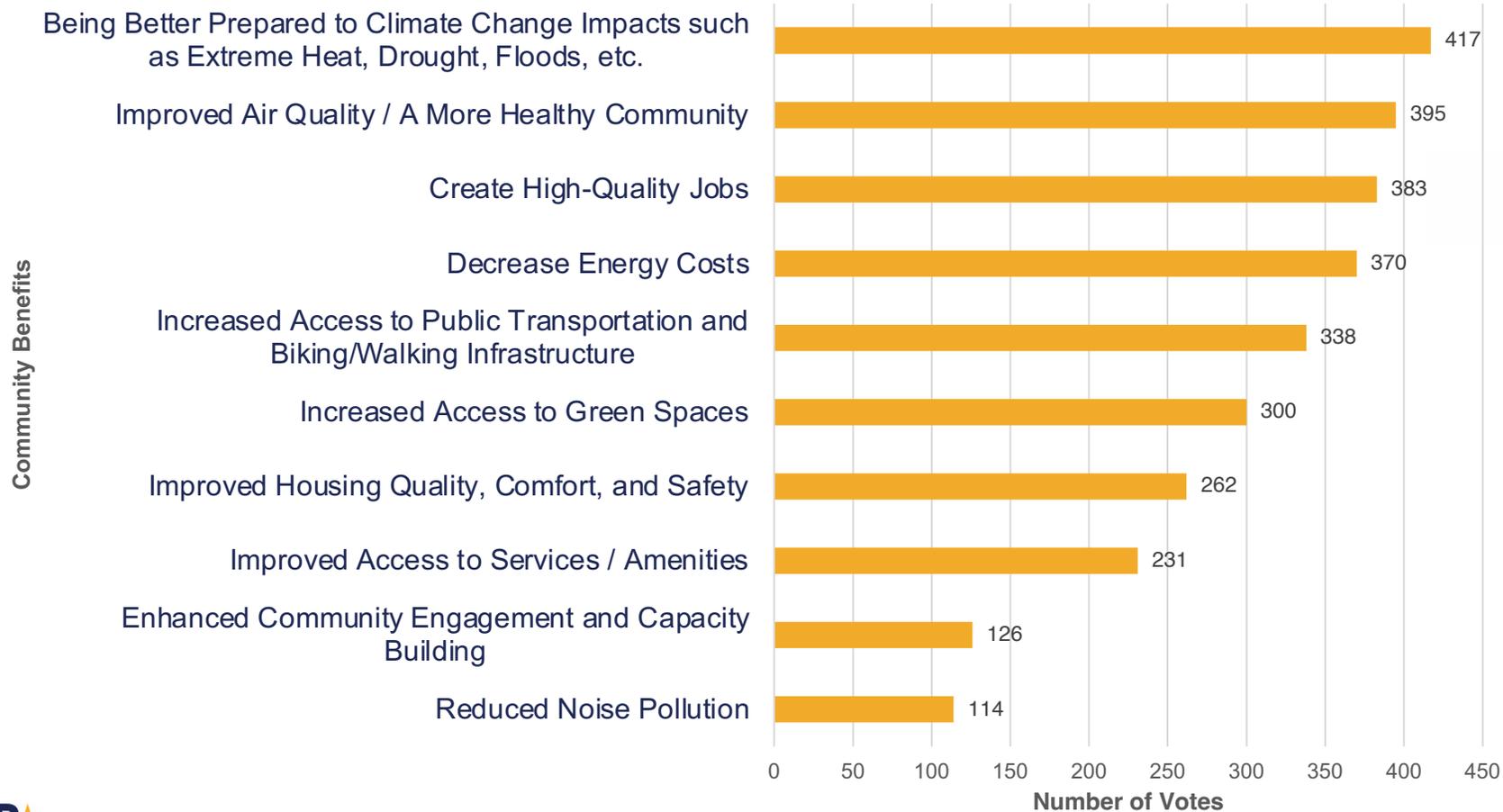


**Paso Del Norte
Community
Climate
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PDN C³**

Stakeholder Driven Process

Voice of the Community

What community benefits should we prioritize?

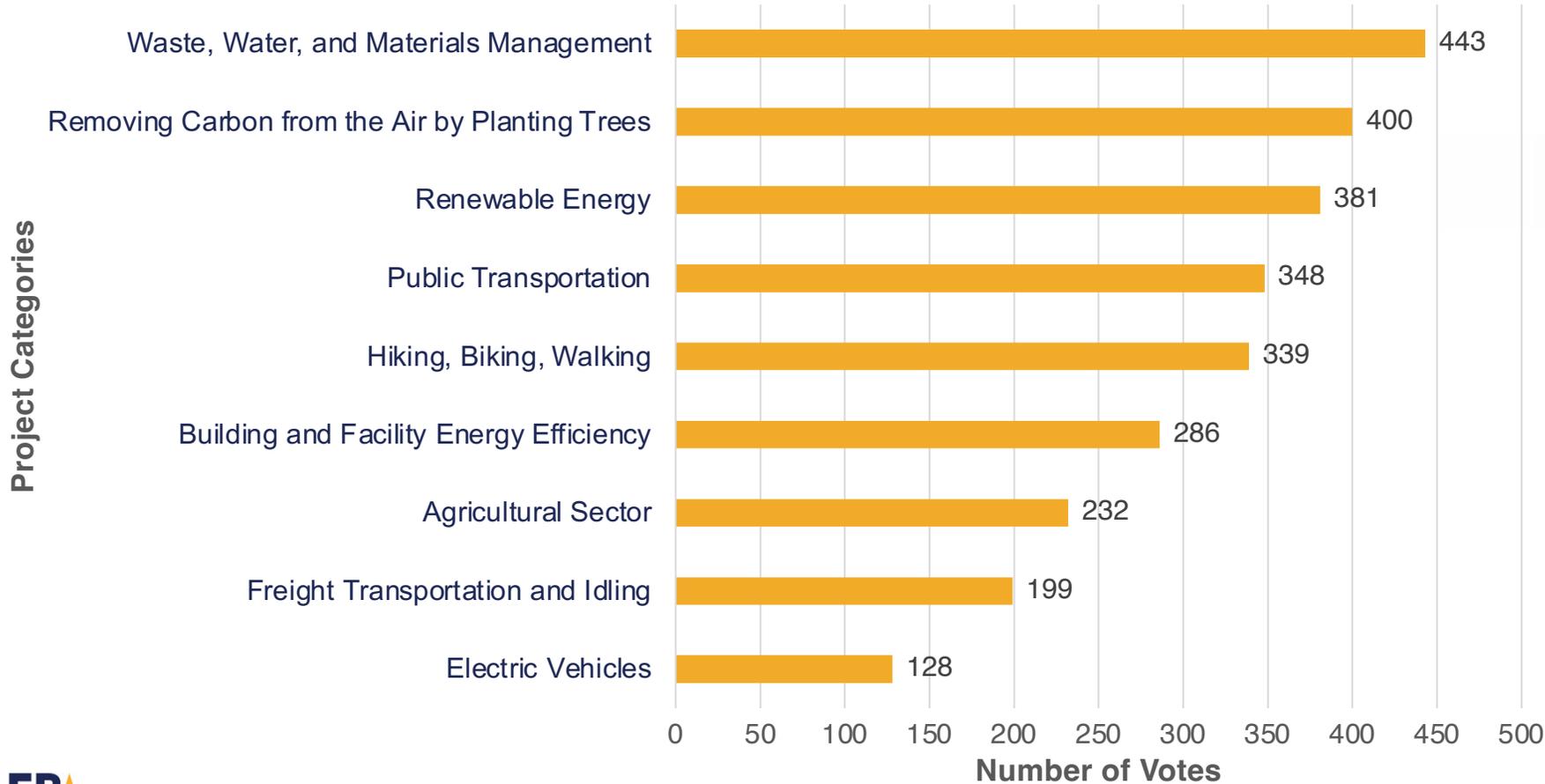


Most number of votes cast for Regional Resilience + Healthy Community:

- *Extreme Heat*
- *Drought*
- *Floods*
- *Improved Air Quality*

Voice of the Community

What category of projects should we focus on?



Most number of votes cast for:

- Waste, Water, and Materials Management
- Removing Carbon from the Air by Planting Trees

Prioritization Process

Ideas from
climate open
house

200+

unique ideas from the
community



Ideas from
community
survey

35

project proposals



Implementation
ready projects
from regional
partners



10 Regional
Priority
Measures

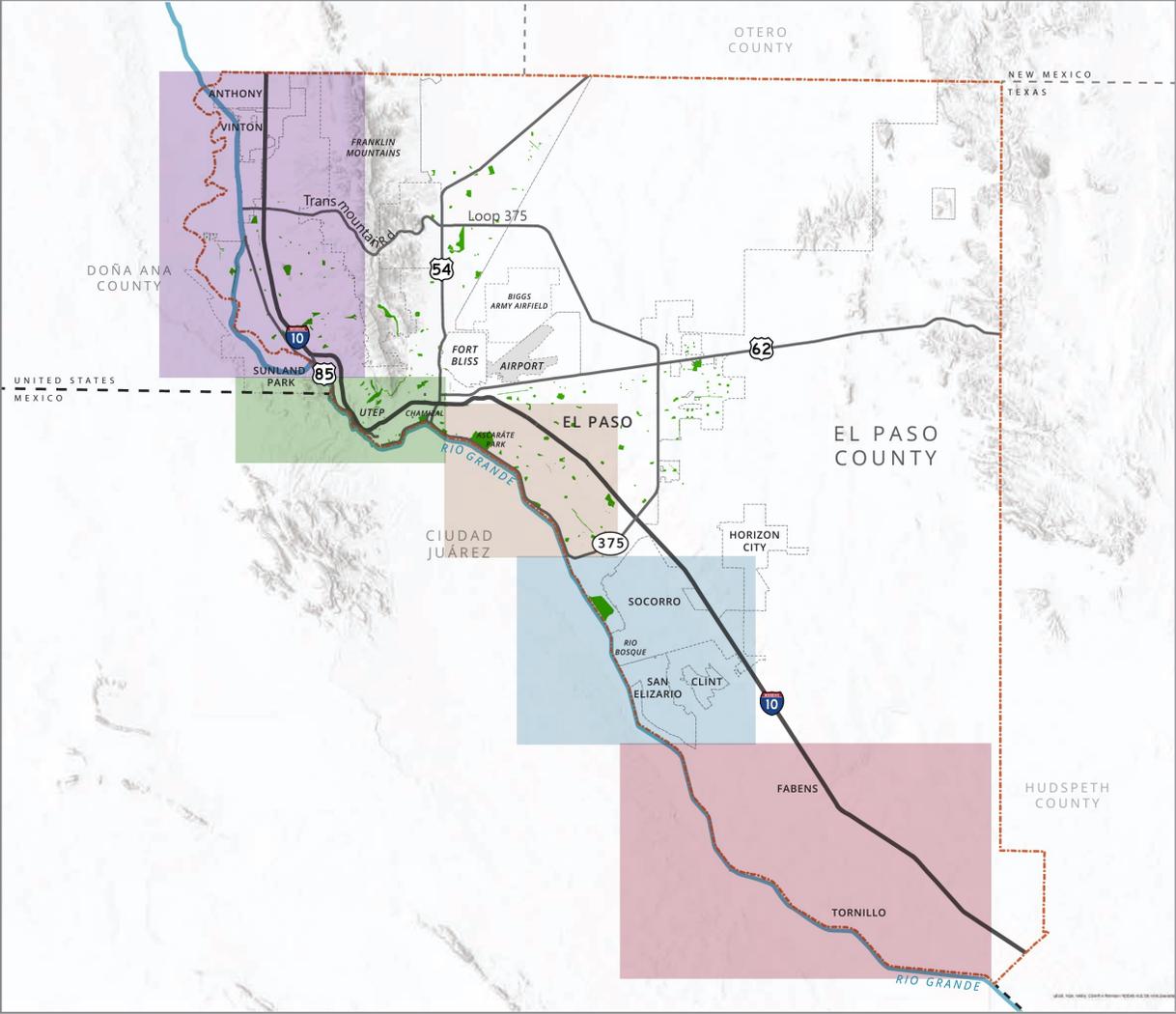
Categories, Measures + Emissions

Project Category	Potential Measures	Emissions Sector
Transportation	Expand & Improve Transit Service, Optimize Freight Transportation, Active Transportation Infrastructure, Support the Electric Vehicle Transition	Transportation
Carbon Sequestration	Increase Native Trees & Natural Spaces	All
Energy Generation	Install Renewable Energy Systems	Energy
Buildings + Facilities	Increase Energy Efficiency & Decarbonization of Buildings	Built Environment
Transportation + Urban Development	Implement Sustainable Land Use Planning	Built Environment
Food Systems	Sustainable Food Production & Distribution	Transportation
Waste	Evaluate Sustainable Waste Management Practices	Solid Waste

The **Transportation and Built Environment Sectors** account for over half of the total emissions across the region.

CPRG Phase II Grant Application

A Trail for Everyone...



LEGEND

- Municipal Boundaries
- El Paso County Boundary
- International/State Boundary

TRAIL SEGMENT AREAS

- Upper Valley District
- Downtown/UTEP District
- Zoo/Playa Drain District
- Mission Valley District
- Rio Grande Agricultural District

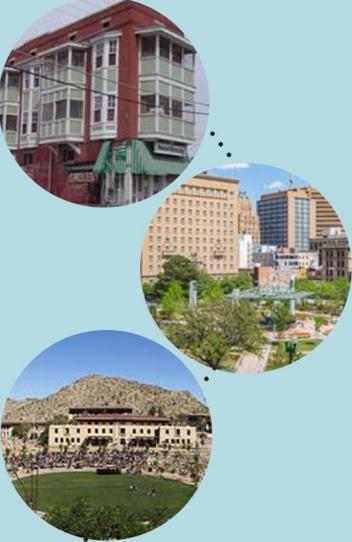
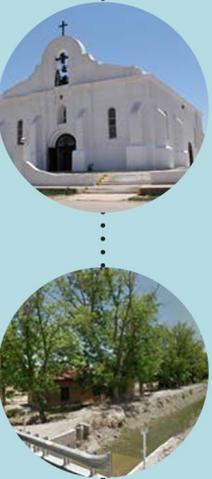
PASO DEL NORTE HEALTH FOUNDATION

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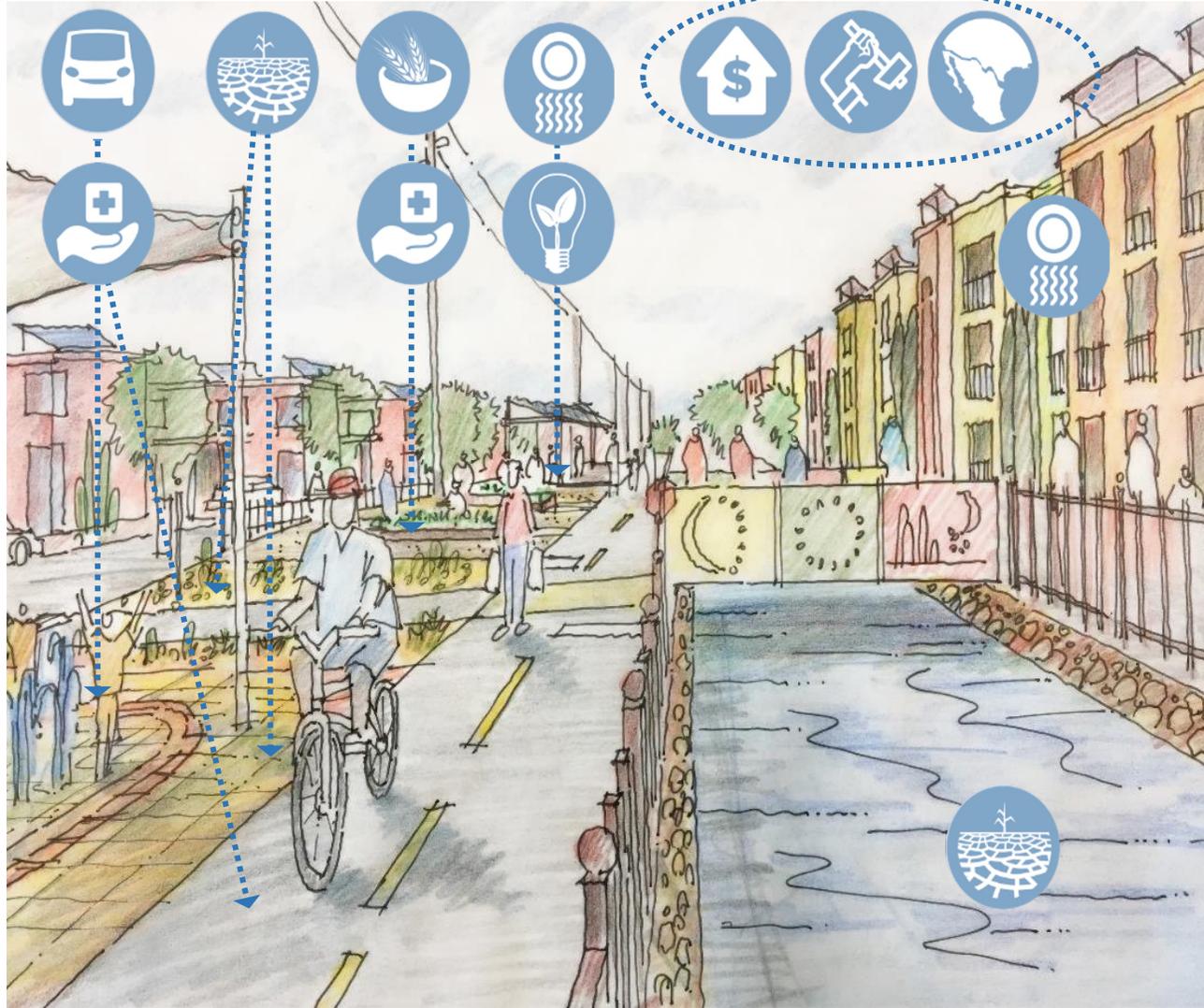
The Paso del Norte Trail is a **community-driven, collaborative effort to develop a county-wide trail in El Paso County.**

The goal is to create a regionally significant landmark that promotes active transportation, preserves the history and culture of our region, highlights the Rio Grande river, supports economic development and ecotourism, provides educational and volunteer opportunities, and makes healthy living the easy choice for our unique, binational community.

Paso del Norte Trail

UPPER VALLEY DISTRICT	DOWNTOWN UTEP DISTRICT	ZOO PLAYA DRAIN DISTRICT	MISSION VALLEY DISTRICT	RIO GRANDE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway to New Mexico Riverine and rural character Neighborhood connections to the Rio Grande corridor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old El Paso: "Pass to the North" Downtown and UTEP/EPCC campus Connection to International Loop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franklin Canal Access Neighborhood Connections School Connections Transition from urban to semi-rural character Connection to International Loop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi-Rural & Agricultural with Historic Mission Context Canal connections between neighborhoods and towns Connection to Rio Bosque 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predominantly farms and rural El Paso County Connections to small towns
				
<p>Connection to 'Mountain to River Trail' EP Country Club Mt. Cristo Rey Dinosaur Tracks Sunland Park</p>	<p>Old El Paso Hart's Mill UTEP/EPCC Downtown Connection to Scenic Drive and Ciudad Juárez</p>	<p>MCA Campus Texas Tech/UMC El Paso Zoo Chamizal National Memorial</p>	<p>Three missions of Ysleta, San Elizario, and Socorro Connections to Mission Trail Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, and Rio Bosque</p>	<p>Scenic Pastoral Views Opportunities for Agritourism</p>

Resilience + Sustainability



Legend

-  Transportation Networks
-  Human Health + Preventable Disease
-  Water Management
-  Extreme Heat
-  Energy Affordability
-  Building the Workforce
-  Food Access
-  Border Metroplex Challenges

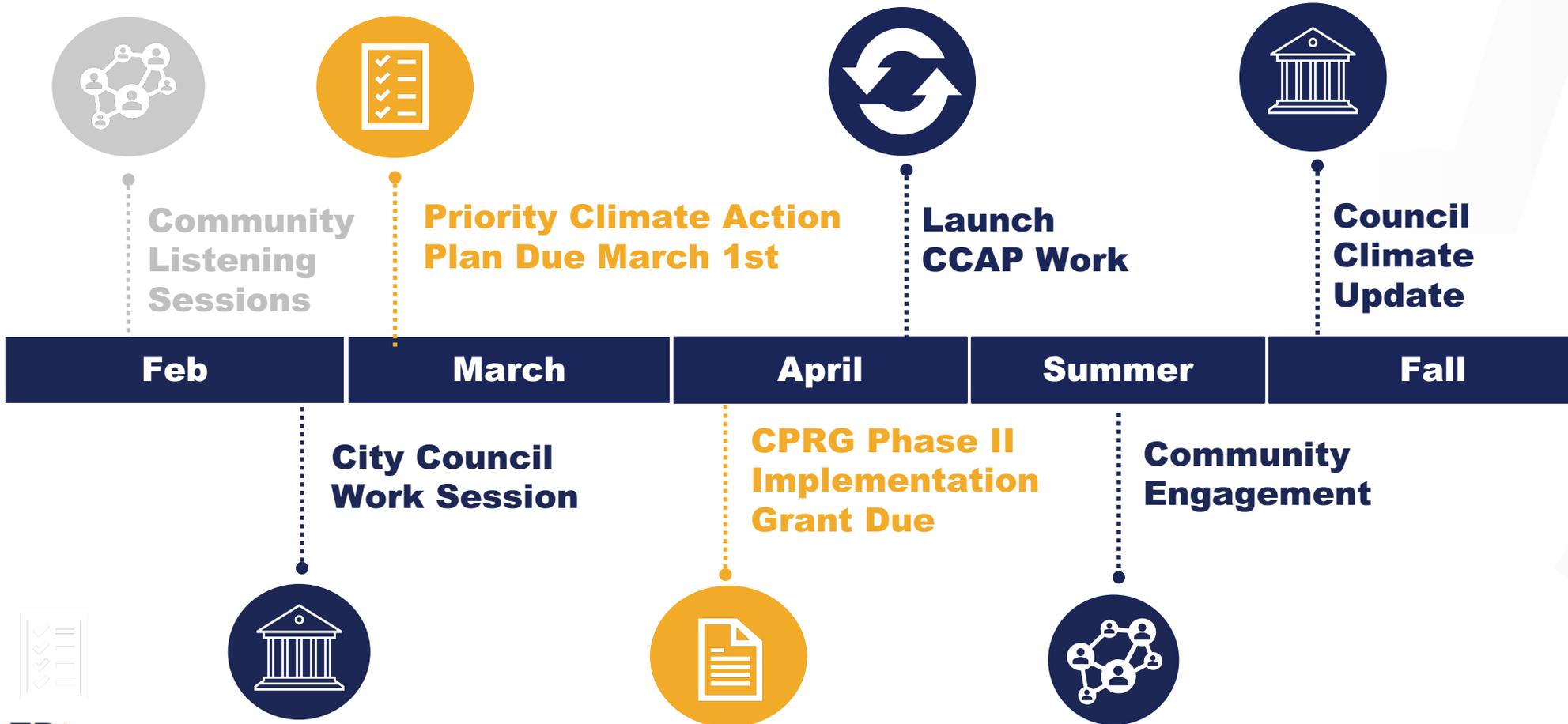
Trail Stakeholder Support

Trail planning teams conducted meetings with a range of stakeholders to **understand existing conditions** and identify the best alignments that meet the overall goals of the trail including connectivity to **historic, natural, and cultural spaces**.

- Borderplex Alliance
- Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority
- City of El Paso
- Chamizal National Memorial County of El Paso
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- El Paso Central Business Association
- El Paso Community Foundation
- El Paso County Historical Commission
- El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 (Irrigation District)
- El Paso Downtown Management District
- El Paso Independent School District
- El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization
- El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department
- Housing Authority of the City of El Paso
- International Boundary and Water Commission
- Medical Center of the Americas Foundation
- Office of the State Senator
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Tom Lea Institute
- University of Texas at El Paso
- Velo Paso Bicycle-Pedestrian Coalition

EPA Program

Timeline + Deliverables



MISSION



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

VISION



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



VALUES

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,
Accountability, **P**eople