

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

DEPARTMENT: Strategic Partnerships

AGENDA DATE: April 13, 2021

CONTACT PERSON: Elizabeth Triggs, triggsek@elpasotexas.gov

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

A presentation and update on City project proposals selected for the FY 2022 federal appropriations and surface transportation reauthorization submission processes; and discussion and action on a resolution supporting the County of El Paso's project submission.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The 117th United States Congress convened in Washington D.C. on January 3, 2021 and will continue through January 3, 2023. On March 18th and 19th, the City was invited to submit local project and programmatic/policy requests through the federal appropriations and surface transportation advancement legislation processes, respectively. On March 29th, the City Council authorized the City Manager to select and submit projects that align with the City's strategic plan, further its 25 by 2025 initiatives and fall within one of eleven priority areas. This agenda item provides an update on the projects selected and next steps in the appropriations process. In addition, community support is a critical component to the submission process; to that end, the City has worked closely with community partners, including the County to provide evidence of support for one another's projects.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On March 29, 2021, the City of El Paso City Council authorized the City Manager to identify eligible federal appropriations and surface transportation project and programmatic/policy request for submission to the City's federal delegation for funding consideration.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: None at this time

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION: None

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:


Elizabeth Triggs, Strategic Partnerships Officer

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, each year the United States Congress considers and enacts annual appropriation bills which provide an opportunity for local governments to request direct funding for community and transportation projects that address a clear and present need at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the County of El Paso has identified the projects listed on Attachment A as being priority projects for El Paso County, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of El Paso that these projects are important and necessary to the citizens of the City of El Paso; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT El Paso City Council hereby states its support for the submission of the projects listed on Attachment A by the El Paso County, Texas, for funding in Fiscal Year 2022.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2021.

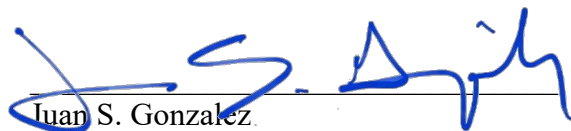
CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Juan S. Gonzalez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Elizabeth Triggs
Strategic Partnerships Officer

Attachment A - El Paso County – FY22 Federal Appropriations Requests

	House Committee	Project Title	Project Summary
1	Appropriations – Community Project Funding	Cotton Valley Connect by Digital El Paso	Provide reliable access to public broadband service, via wireless mesh service, to an estimated 6,500 students across three school districts throughout the community—San Elizario, Fabens and Tornillo ISDs.
2	Appropriations – Community Project Funding	El Paso County Crisis Intervention Team	Partnership between the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (SO) and Emergence Health Network (EHN), to provide safer and more effective responses to dynamic law enforcement incidents involving persons in suspected mental health crisis and situations involving persons with a diagnosed or suspected mental illness and/or intellectual disability.
3	Appropriations – Community Project Funding	Fabens Airport (E35) Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) & Fuel Farm Expansion & Improvements	Enhance general aviation activity improvements which may attract additional aviation traffic at the facility
4	Appropriations – Community Project Funding	Reentry Transformation Center	Expand the existing reentry programming efforts in the jail to the community by providing a seamless system of care through release support, coordination, and short term transitional housing.
5	Appropriations – Community Project Funding	Alameda Project	Partnership with the Paso del Norte Community Foundation and Paso del Norte Health Foundation, to engage the community in a planning process for the potential re-development of three vacant property sites on Alameda for substance abuse rehabilitation/services, victim services, mental health services, and/or assistance for homeless population.
6	Appropriations – Community Project Funding	Connecting Communities: Upper Valley First-Time Water & Wastewater Projects	Design and environmental assessment for a cluster of first-time water and wastewater projects throughout the Upper Valley to facilitate 412 residents with access to critical infrastructure to promote the health and safety of the community.
7	Transportation & Infrastructure – Surface Transportation	Tierra de Este Extension	Provide much needed connectivity in Far East El Paso north of Pellicano. Project will provide alternative route for the residents in the City of El Paso, EP County and Horizon City. Improvements: New pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks/ Hike Bike lanes, Illumination, Drainage infrastructure, raised median and landscaping.
8	Transportation & Infrastructure – Surface Transportation	John Hayes Street Extension	Provide an alternative route for the residents in the City of El Paso, EP County and Horizon City New. Improvements: pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks/ Hike Bike lanes, Illumination, Drainage infrastructure, raised median and landscaping
9	Transportation & Infrastructure – Surface Transportation	Bob Hope Extension	Provide much needed connectivity in Far East El Paso. This project will provide an alternative route for the residents of EP County and the SISD new expansion. Improvements: New pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks/ Hike Bike lanes, Illumination, Drainage infrastructure, raised median and landscaping.