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NOTICE OF WORK SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO

October 11, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL AND VIRTUALLY
9:05 AM
THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE USE OF
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The following member of City Council will be present via video conference:

Representative Cassandra Hernandez

A quorum of City Council must participate in the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Discussion and action to authorize District 6 Representative Rodriguez to attend the Work Session on October 11, 2021 and Regular City Council Meeting on October 12, 2021 by video conference. [21-1202](#)
2. Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes. [21-1159](#)
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4. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; and further re-enacted and amended by Emergency Ordinance Nos. 019156, 019169, 019191 penalty as provided in Section 8. [21-1168](#)
5. Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance instituting emergency measures to allow temporary uses on the private right of way and private property by suspending various City Ordinances; Penalty as provided in Section 6. [21-1203](#)
6. Presentation about Climate Change Planning efforts at the City of El Paso, including research on Climate Action Plans in Texas and the South West. [21-1192](#)

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| 7. | Quarterly presentation to the City Council on El Paso Water utility operations and plans. | <u>21-1194</u> |
| 8. | Presentation and update from the El Paso Electric Company on its current and future customer and operations investments and projects. | <u>21-1175</u> |
| 9. | Discussion, update, and action on the 87th Texas Legislative Special Sessions for the 87th Legislature. | <u>21-1178</u> |
| 10. | Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Council of the City of El Paso urges the Texas 87th Legislature to support El Paso by ensuring Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport remain in Congressional District 16. | <u>21-1201</u> |

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following member of City Council will be present via video conference:

Representative Cassandra Hernandez

The City Council of the City of El Paso may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act and the Rules of City Council.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072	DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.073	DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
Section 551.074	PERSONNEL MATTERS
Section 551.076	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS
Section 551.087	DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS
Section 551.089	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS; CLOSED MEETING

Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

Discussion and action on the following:

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| EX1. | Mark Pumphrey v. City of El Paso. Matter No. 21-1024-126 (551.071) | <u>21-1185</u> |
| EX2. | Application of El Paso Electric Company to Implement a Fuel Surcharge. Public Utilities Commission of Texas Docket No. 52581. Matter No. 21-1008-180 (551.071) | <u>21-1186</u> |

EX3. Update of Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates, Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52195. Matter No. 21-1008-174 (551.071) [21-1187](#)

EX4. Update on Economic Incentives for Manufacturing Company to be located in the City of El Paso. Matter No. 21-1007-2740. (551.071) (551.072) (551.087) [21-1189](#)

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CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS LEGISTAR AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT, CONTACT INFORMATION:

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District 6

Members of the City Council, Representative Claudia Rodriguez, (915) 212-0006

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

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Discussion and action to authorize District 6 Representative Rodriguez to attend the Work Session on October 11, 2021 and Regular City Council Meeting on October 12, 2021 by video conference.

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: October 11, 2021

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Representative Claudia Rodriguez, (915) 212-0006

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 6

STRATEGIC GOAL: 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action to authorize District 6 Representative Rodriguez to attend the Work Session on October 11, 2021 and Regular City Council Meeting on October 12, 2021 by video conference.

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?

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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

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?

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



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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
LEGISTAR AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

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All Districts

City Manager's Office, Cary Westin, (915) 212-1063

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

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Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes.

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

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

AGENDA DATE: October 11, 2021

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Senior Deputy City Manager, Cary Westin
(915) 212-1063

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response + Recovery Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes.

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BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The COVID-19 Response + Recovery Cross-Functional Team is comprised of ten multi-disciplinary teams focused on the continued planning, development and implementation of actions supporting key impact areas. Ongoing updates will be provided to share key information and key upcoming items.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

COVID-19 Response + Recovery

Cross-Functional Team Update

10.11.21

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1. Overview

Tommy Gonzalez

2. City Attorney Overview

October 11, 2021

Overview

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Karla Nieman

State Disaster Declarations



*Anticipate Governor Abbott will renew his Disaster Declaration between October 26th-28th .

Emergency Ordinances

Ordinance	Adoption Date	Most Recent Re-enactment	Expires
Disaster Declaration Ord. No. 019035	3/17/2020	9/13/2021	10/13/2021
Emergency Measures Ord. No. 019036	3/17/2020	9/13/2021	10/13/2021
Public Right of Way Ord. No. 019091	8/31/2020	8/18/2021	9/17/2021
Public Right of Way Ord. No. _____	10/11/2021		11/10/2021

Greg Abbott v. City of El Paso

❖ **September 30, 2021:**

- ❖ 8th COA denied City's request to keep Temporary Injunction in place
- ❖ City's Mask Mandate paused to keep status quo

❖ **October 5, 2021:**

- ❖ City submitted reply brief
- ❖ Ruling on Plea to Jurisdiction pending in 8th COA
- ❖ Case will return to CC7 for trial

Statewide Mask Mandate Litigation

Obtained TRO & Mask Mandate Temporarily Suspended

- City of San Antonio & Bexar County - 4th COA
- Dallas County - 5th COA
- Fort Bend County - 1st COA

Obtained TRO & Mask Mandate Still in Place

- La Joya ISD, et. al (Travis County) - 3rd COA
- Harris County - 3rd COA

Additional Updates – Land Ports of Entry Travel Restrictions

March 24, 2020

DHS published notice to temporarily limit the travel of individuals from Mexico at land ports along the U.S.-Mexico Border to only “essential travel” due to the COVID-19 pandemic



September 20, 2021

Extended through
October 21, 2021

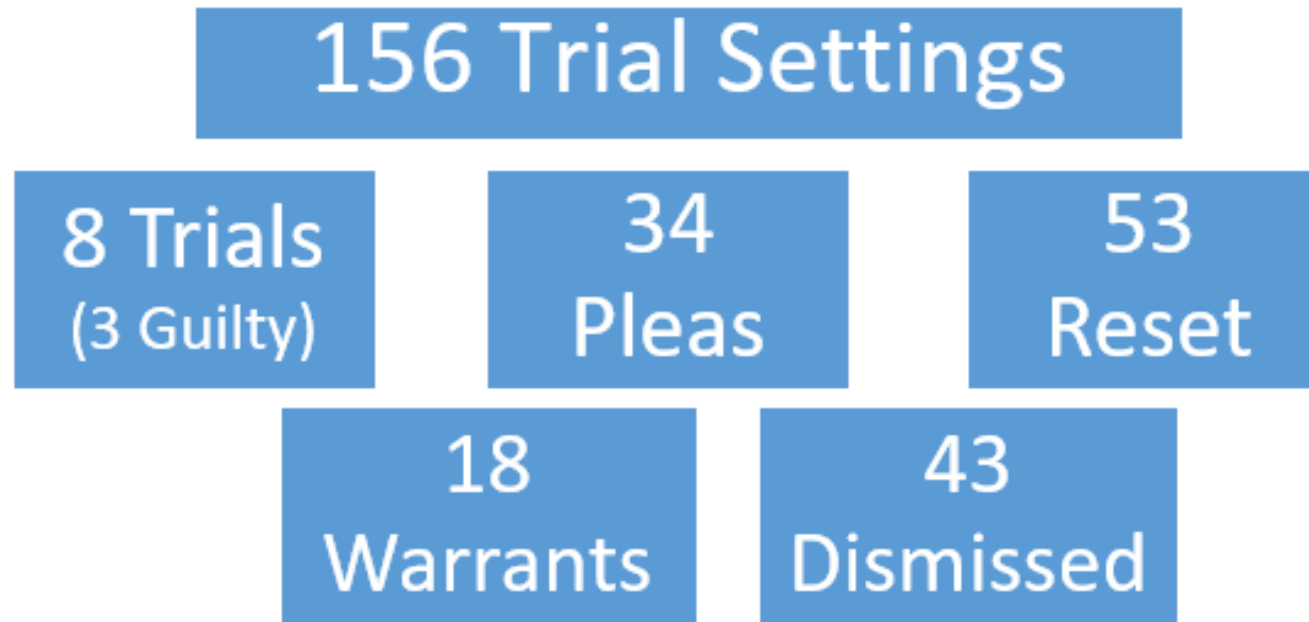
Restricted Non-essential travel—individuals traveling for tourism purposes (e.g. sightseeing, recreation, gambling, or attending cultural events)

Additional Updates - Courts Update

- ❖ Texas Supreme Court Emergency Orders
 - ❖ Effective October 1 - December 1, 2021
- ❖ 42nd Emergency Order – Extends Eviction Diversion Program
- ❖ 43rd Emergency Order Regarding COVID-19
 - ❖ Courts can no longer modify or suspend any and all deadlines or procedures
 - ❖ Continues authorizing all courts to require or allow remote hearings
 - ❖ Municipal Court presiding judge can mandate compliance with minimum standard health protocols adopted for their courtrooms

Additional Updates – COVID-19 Prosecution Update

Trial Settings on COVID-19 Citations through 9/2/2021 in all 5 Municipal Courts



3. Team Lead Report

a. Health Focus

Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D.

COVID-19 Summary



COVID-19
SITUATIONAL
MONITORING

October 7, 2021



Positive Tests
141 145,930
New Cumulative

COVID-19 Deaths
2 2800
New Cumulative

Active
1,754

Recovered
141,226

Hospitalized
115

In ICU
44



COVID-19
Community
Scorecard

Stage 3



Infection
Rate 2



Testing 3



Investi-
gations 4



Healthcare
Readiness 4



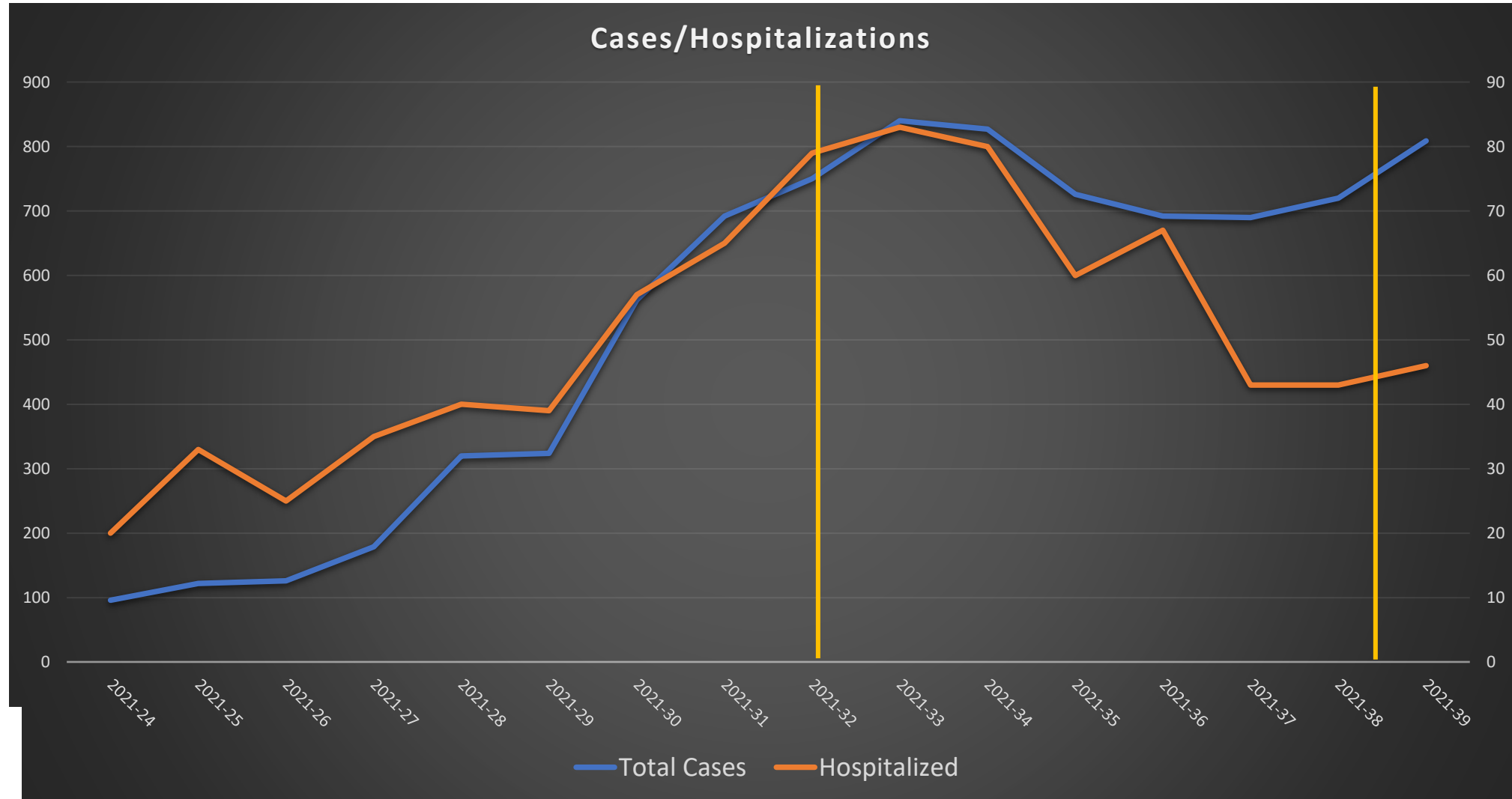
At-Risk
Population 4



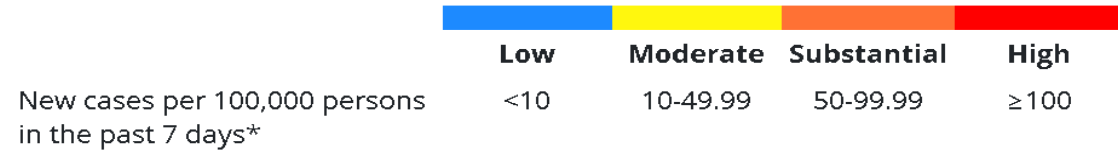
COVID-19
Vaccinations

- ❖ 7-day avg of New Cases per 100,000 is seeing an upward trend from Sep 30 after a plateau of 3 weeks
- ❖ Hospitalized patients are stable at avg of ≈ 110 patients
- ❖ We have fully vaccinated over 76% of eligible population
- ❖ Pandemic is currently driven by the unvaccinated
- ❖ We STRONGLY continue recommending practicing prevention with vaccination and non-pharmacological interventions

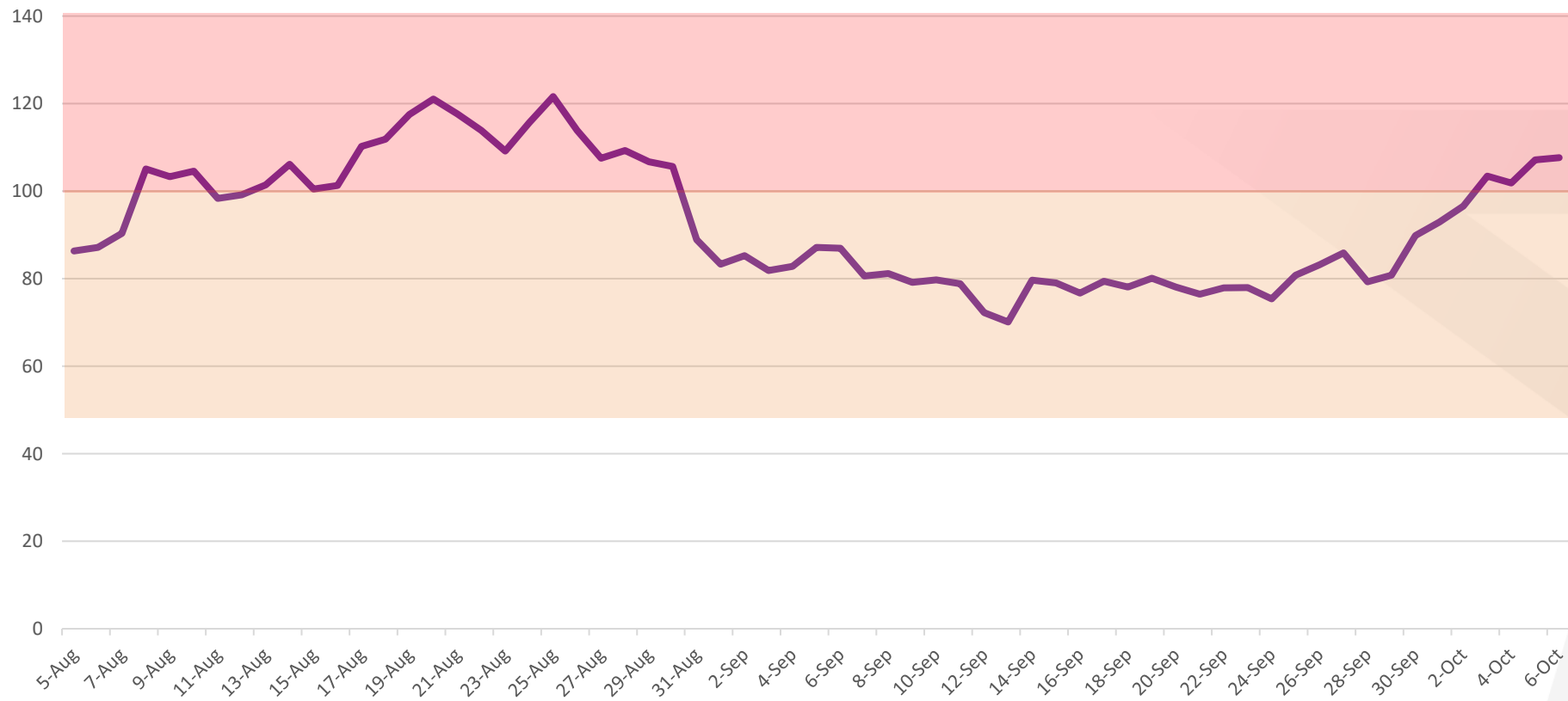
New Cases/Hospitalizations By CDC Week



Level of Community Transmission



El Paso New Cases per 100,000 over last 7 days



4. City Manager Wrap-up

Tommy Gonzalez

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Thank you!



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All Districts

Fire, Mario M. D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

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Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending a Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency.

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

AGENDA DATE: October 11, 2021
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 11, 2021

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Mario M. D'Agostino, Fire Chief (915) 212-5605

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6. Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management.
SUBGOAL: 6.8 Support transparent and inclusive government.

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending a Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Emergency Ordinance No. 019228 which re-enacts Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 is set to expire on October 13, 2021.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Since March 2020, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 monthly, with the most recent extension taking place on September 13, 2021.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? ☒ YES ☐ NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Health

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
RE-ENACTING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019035
EXTENDING A DISASTER DECLARATION DUE TO A
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor signed a Local Emergency Declaration and requested the aid of the State Government pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to El Paso City Code Section 2.48.020(C), a local state of disaster declaration may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 3.10 allows for the City Council to adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035, Extending a Disaster Declaration Due to a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, since March 2020, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 monthly, with the most recent re-enactment taking place on September 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as of September 30, 2021, the number of COVID-19 active cases in El Paso is over 1,489; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, every emergency ordinance shall stand repealed automatically as of the 31st day following the date on which it was adopted, but may be re-enacted to continue a Disaster Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Ordinance No. 019228 which re-enacts Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 is set to expire on October 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the condition necessitating a declaration of a state of disaster continues to exist.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

20-1052-1069/PL#1123447v.2/KMN/JF/KM/Emergency Ordinance Re-enacting Ord. No. 019035 -
Extending Disaster Declaration – October 11, 2021 (November)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

1. That the state of disaster proclaimed for the City of El Paso by the Mayor on March 13, 2020, and extended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019035, is hereby re-enacted and shall continue for thirty (30) days unless re-enacted in accordance with City Charter Section 3.10 or until terminated by City Council, whichever is sooner.
2. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council Representatives present and the consent of the Mayor and pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this ____ day of October, 2021.


THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

Oscar Leoser
Mayor

ATTEST:

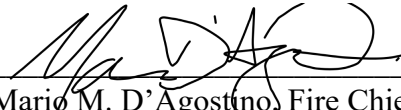
Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Mario M. D'Agostino Fire Chief
El Paso Fire Department

ORDINANCE NO. _____

20-1052-1069/PL#1123447v.2/KMN/JF/KM/Emergency Ordinance Re-enacting Ord. No. 019035 -
Extending Disaster Declaration – October 11, 2021 (November)



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All Districts

Fire, Mario M. D'Agostino, (915) 212-5605

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Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; and further re-enacted and amended by Emergency Ordinance Nos. 019156, 019169, 019191 penalty as provided in Section 8.

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

AGENDA DATE: October 11, 2021
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 11, 2021

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Mario M. D'Agostino, Fire Chief (915) 212-5605

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6. Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management.
SUBGOAL: 6.8 Support transparent and inclusive government.

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance re-enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151; and further re-enacted and amended by Emergency Ordinance Nos. 019156, 019169, 019191 penalty as provided in Section 8.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City Council desires to re-enact Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended on March 16, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019151, as further re-enacted and amended on March 29, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019156, as further re-enacted and amended on April 26, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019169, as further re-enacted and amended on May 24, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019191, which shall remain in effect for thirty days or until otherwise terminated, re-enacted, or superseded by a conflicting El Paso Local Health Authority order, or state or federal law or order.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Since March 2020, City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 monthly, with the most recent re-enactment, re-statement and amendment taking place on March 16, 2021 and with the most recent re-enactment taking place on September 13, 2021.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? x YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Health

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
RE-ENACTING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019036,
AS RE-ENACTED, RESTATED AND AMENDED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 019151;
AND FURTHER RE-ENACTED AND AMENDED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NOS.
019156, 019169, 019191 PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 8**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued on March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster for the City of El Paso resulting from a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, since March 2020, City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 monthly, with the most recent re-enactment, re-statement and amendment taking place on March 16, 2021 and with the most recent re-enactment taking place on September 13, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10, every emergency ordinance shall stand repealed automatically as of the 31st day following the date on which it was adopted, but may be re-enacted if the emergency still exists; and

WHEREAS, a disaster continues to exist and requires that certain emergency measures be taken to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to re-enact Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended on March 16, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019151, as further re-enacted and amended on March 29, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019156, as further re-enacted and amended on April 26, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019169, as further re-enacted and amended on May 24, 2021 through Emergency Ordinance No. 019191, which shall remain in effect for thirty days or until otherwise terminated, re-enacted, or superseded by a conflicting El Paso Local Health Authority order, or state or federal law or order.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

1. Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151, and as further re-enacted and amended by Emergency Ordinance Nos. 019156, 019169, and 019191, penalty as provided in Section 8, is hereby re-enacted.
2. Emergency Ordinance No. 019036, as re-enacted, restated and amended by Emergency Ordinance No. 019151, and further re-enacted and amended by Emergency Ordinance Nos. 019156, 019169, 019191, penalty as provided in Section 8, shall remain in full force and effect and continue for thirty (30) days unless re-enacted in accordance with City Charter Section 3.10 or until terminated by the City Council, whichever is sooner.

Ordinance No._____

3. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council Representatives present and the consent of the Mayor, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this ____ day of October, 2021.


THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Mario M. D'Agostino, Fire Chief
El Paso Fire Department

Ordinance No. _____



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Capital Improvement Department, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-0065

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

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

AGENDA DATE: Oct 11, 2021
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A (Work Session)

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Sam Rodriguez, P.E., City Engineer, 212-0065

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6. Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management

SUBGOAL: Subgoal 6.5. Deliver services timely and effectively with focus on continual improvement

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on an Emergency Ordinance instituting emergency measures to allow temporary uses on the public right of way and private property by suspending various City Ordinances; Penalty as provided in Section 6.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

This item is to support restaurants and similar establishments in their efforts to safely operate during the COVID-19 pandemic by further facilitating outdoor service and dining opportunities. This item would enact an Emergency Ordinance for 30 days to suspension of various sections of the El Paso City Code to facilitate temporary uses on the public right of way and private property and continue the pilot program.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster for the City of El Paso resulting from a public health emergency.

March 17, 2020, El Paso City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending the City's Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency. Also on, March 17, 2020, El Paso City Council re-enacted its Emergency Ordinance extending the City's Disaster Declaration monthly, with the most recent extension taking place on August 31, 2020.

August 31, 2020, El Paso City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, which suspended various sections of the El Paso City Code to facilitate temporary uses on the public right of way and private property and established a pilot program.

September 28, 2020, El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091.

October 27, 2020, El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091. Also, City Council approved increasing the fine for all emergency directive violations from \$500 to \$1,000.

November 23, 2020, El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091, which included the amendment to increase the fine to \$1,000 (Ordinance No. 019119).

December 14, 2020, January 5, 2021, February 1, 2021, March 1, 2021, March 29, 2021, April 26, 2021, May 24, 2021, June 21, 2021, July 19, 2021, August 16, 2021, El Paso City Council enacted an Emergency Ordinance Re-Enacting Emergency Ordinance No. 019091.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:
N/A

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? ☒ YES ☐ NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvement Department
SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Streets and Maintenance, Planning and Inspections

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: 

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**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE INSTITUTING EMERGENCY MEASURES TO
ALLOW TEMPORARY USES ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND PRIVATE
PROPERTY BY SUSPENDING VARIOUS CITY ORDINANCES;
PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 6.**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued on March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster for the City of El Paso resulting from a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, El Paso City Council adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 extending the City's Disaster Declaration due to a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, since March 2020, El Paso City Council has re-enacted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035 monthly basis, with the most recent re-enactment taking place on January 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has similarly renewed the State's COVID- 19 Disaster Declaration, with the most recent extension taking place on January 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, El Paso City Charter Section 3.10 allows City Council to adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council desires to support restaurants and similar establishments in their efforts to safely operate during the COVID-19 pandemic by further facilitating outdoor service and dining opportunities; and

WHEREAS, to that end, the El Paso City Council hereby suspends various sections of the El Paso City Code to facilitate temporary uses on the public right of way and private property.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES.

- A. The following El Paso City Code provisions are hereby suspended, only as they apply to the temporary uses identified and described in this Ordinance under Section 2(B) below:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Sub-Section</u>	<u>Name</u>
Title 9	9.12	9.12.010	Food And Food Handling Establishments-Definitions
Title 9	9.12	9.12.050	Food And Food Handling Establishments-Permit-Contents
Title 12	12.20	12.20.090	Traffic Control Devices-Display of unauthorized signs
Title 12	12.30	12.30.030	Temporary Traffic Control-Permit required

Title 12	12.30	12.30.040	Temporary Traffic Control-Failure to obtain a temporary traffic control permit
Title 12	12.30	12.30.050	Temporary Traffic Control-Permit application
Title 12	12.30	12.30.060	Temporary Traffic Control-Permit bond and insurance required
Title 12	12.30	12.30.070	Temporary Traffic Control-Permit fees
Title 12	12.30	12.30.120	Temporary Traffic Control-Correction of violations, removal of traffic control devices, fees
Title 12	12.30	12.30.160	Temporary Traffic Control-Violation
Title 12	12.36	12.36.030	One-Way Streets-Restricting direction at certain times
Title 12	12.44	12.44.030	Stopping, Standing, And Parking Generally-Proximity to curb
Title 12	12.44	12.44.180	Stopping, Standing, And Parking Generally-Regulations pertaining to certain special situations
Title 12	12.44	12.44.240	Stopping, Standing, And Parking Generally-Temporary no parking zones
Title 12	12.44	12.44.290	Stopping, Standing, And Parking Generally-Restrictions on parking in downtown parking districts
Title 12	12.52	12.52.010	Parking Restrictions on Certain Streets-Applicability
Title 12	12.56	12.56.020	Parking Meters-Installation
Title 12	12.56	12.56.040	Parking Meters-Operation—Time limits
Title 12	12.68	12.68.020	Visibility Obstructions-Plants, objects, vehicles over three feet
Title 12	12.76	12.76.070	Bicycles-Riding on right side of street
Title 12	12.76	12.76.120	Bicycles-Use of parking meters
Title 12	12.76	12.76.160	Bicycles-Effect of regulations
Title 12	12.76	12.76.170	Bicycles-Violation-Penalty
Title 12	12.80	12.80.150	Miscellaneous Traffic Regulations-Storing Vehicles in streets
Title 12	12.88	12.88.030	Schedules-Schedule III-Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets
Title 12	12.88	12.88.040	Schedules-Schedule IV-Parking prohibited during certain hours on certain streets
Title 12	12.88	12.88.150	Schedule XIV-Speed limits
Title 13	13.20	13.20.040	Miscellaneous Street And Sidewalk Use Regulations-Selling merchandise prohibited on and near public right-of-way
Title 13	13.20	13.20.060	Miscellaneous Street And Sidewalk Use Regulations-Receiving and forwarding goods on sidewalks
Title 13	13.24	13.24.200	City Parks and Recreation Areas-Park and recreation facility use and fee authorization
Title 13	13.32	13.32.010	Temporary Events-Definitions
Title 13	13.32	13.32.020	Temporary Events-Permit required
Title 13	13.32	13.32.030	Temporary Events-Permit application
Title 13	13.32	13.32.050	Temporary Events-Costs and fees
Title 13	13.32	13.32.090	Temporary Events-Violation-Penalty
Title 13	13.38	13.38.020	Special Events-Definitions
Title 13	13.38	13.38.030	Special Events-Permit required
Title 13	13.38	13.38.040	Special Events-Permit application
Title 13	13.38	13.38.050	Special Events-Permitting Criteria
Title 13	13.38	13.38.060	Special Events-Costs and fees
Title 13	13.38	13.38.110	Special Events-Violation-Penalty

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Title 15	15.08	15.08.010	Street Rentals-Purpose
Title 15	15.08	15.08.120	Street Rentals-Special privilege licenses and permits
Title 15	15.08	15.08.125	Street Rentals-Violation and penalty
Title 18	18.02	18.02.106.22	Building And Construction Administrative Code-Temporary structures
Title 18	18.02	18.02.106.23	Building And Construction Administrative Code-Permit Fees-Sidewalk, street, alley, public right-of-way, and parking meter space, rental
Title 20	20.02	20.02.936	Definitions-Sign, special event directional
Title 20	20.02	20.02.1076	Definitions-Temporary events on public rights-of-way
Title 20	20.04	20.04.640	Administrative Provisions-Temporary Permits
Title 20	20.04	20.04.660	Administrative Provisions-Signs in public rights-of-way
Title 20	20.10	20.10.410	Supplemental Use Regulations-Off-street parking (serving another property)
Title 20	20.10	20.10.630	Supplemental Use Regulations-Storage of supplies (in connection with a permitted use)
Title 20	20.10	20.10.680	Supplemental Use Regulations-Temporary Uses
Title 20	20.10	20.10.720	Supplemental Use Regulations-Unenclosed parking space shelters
Title 20	20.14	20.14.020	Off-Street Parking, Loading And Storage Standards-Scope
Title 20	20.14	20.14.050	Off-Street Parking, Loading And Storage Standards-Parking requirements and standards
Title 20	20.14	20.14.060	Off-Street Parking, Loading And Storage Standards-Shared parking
Title 20	20.14	20.14.070	Off-Street Parking, Loading And Storage Standards-Parking reductions
Title 20	20.14	20.14.120	Off-Street Parking, Loading And Storage Standards-Bicycle parking on city right of way
Title 20	20.14	20.14.200	Off-Street Parking, Loading And Storage Standards-Applicability
Title 20	20.14	20.14.210	Off-Street Parking, Loading And Storage Standards-Standards

- B. Any other provisions of the El Paso City Code not mentioned above that may govern the temporary uses described in Section 2(B) below are also suspended.
- C. Any of the aforementioned provisions that do not apply to the temporary uses on public right of way and private property identified in Section 2(B) below as permitted by this Emergency Ordinance are not suspended or amended, and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT PROGRAM.

- A. The City Manager or designee (“City Administration”) has created temporary requirements, application, and permit to allow/facilitate the temporary uses described in Section 2(B) below for the duration of this Ordinance (“Pilot Program”). Any persons wishing to use public right of way or private property for any temporary uses allowed under Section 2(B) below must submit an application, receive a permit, and abide by all the requirements of this Ordinance and the permit. It is a violation of this Ordinance for a person to use public right of way or private property for any temporary uses described in Section 2(B) below in violation of the requirements of this Ordinance and/or an issued permit.

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B. The following are the temporary uses allowed under the Pilot Program:

1. Safe Streets. “Safe Streets” means the occupation of a portion of the public right of way that is currently used as on-street parking and/or automobile traffic that shall be utilized for additional outdoor public space. This space shall be used for the following purposes:
 - a. Ped-Way (Pedestrian Lane): “Ped-Way (Pedestrian Lane)” means the use and occupation of an area that is to be utilized for outdoor recreational purposes, including but not limited to, pedestrian movement, bicycling, and/or Shared Use Mobility Devices.
 - b. ROW Café: “ROW Café” means the use and occupation of an area that is to be utilized for businesses to provide additional space for outdoor dining and seating, space for patrons, and merchandise, which encompasses a partial street closure of the entire block, which may or may not include on-street parking, directly fronting only their establishment.
 - c. Parking-parklet: “Parking-parklet” means the use and occupation of an area that is to be utilized for businesses to provide additional space outdoor dining and seating, space for patrons, and merchandise, which encompasses on-street parking spaces directly abutting only their establishment.
2. Safe Business. “Safe Business” means the use and occupation of a portion of private property that is currently used as off-street surface parking spaces serving the abutting commercial establishment shall be utilized for additional outdoor dining space, outdoor queuing, and order pick-up and drop-off serving only their establishment.
3. Safe Food Court. “Safe Food Court” means the use and occupation of a portion of public right of way or the occupation of a portion private property currently used as shared off-street parking, that is to be utilized and shared by multiple restaurants and/or food trucks for the purpose of outdoor dining and seating, which may or may not abut their establishment.

C. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the requirements created by City Administration for the Pilot Program must require all applicants and participants:

1. To follow all applicable local, state, and federal orders and guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control pertaining to COVID-19,
2. Continue to allow for the passage of pedestrian traffic at all times,
3. Not allow encroachment into handicap parking/ramps or otherwise reduce the ADAAA accessibility of the site,
4. Require ADAA compliance for access to the outdoor area,

5. Not impede flow from building exits,
 6. Be in compliance with any fire and safety ordinances,
 7. Be in compliance with TABC rules and regulations,
 8. To indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City for all claims resulting from the applicant's and/or the applicant's employees', contractors', licensees', and/or invitees' use of public right of way or private property for temporary uses,
 9. To release the City from all claims related to the applicant's use of public right of way or private property for temporary uses,
 10. To pay for any damage caused to the public right of way caused by the applicant or the applicant's employees', contractors', licensees', and/or invitees'.
- D. The City Attorney's Office is authorized to grant waivers of requirements in Section 2(C) (8), (9), and (10) above.
- E. All persons and businesses wishing to use the right of way or private property as described in the Pilot Program must comply with the requirements herein as well as any requirements established by City Administration for the Pilot Program.

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS

- A. The provisions suspended by this ordinance remain applicable to any temporary uses not addressed by the Pilot Program. Any person wishing to use public right of way or private property not subject to the Pilot Program must comply with all requirements of the El Paso City Code.
- B. Nothing in this ordinance grants any permanent rights to any person pertaining the right of way. Nothing in this ordinance limits the City's control over municipal rights of way. Nothing in this ordinance constitutes a vacation of any portion of the public right of way.
- C. Nothing in this Ordinance allows for any permanent uses of the right of way.
- D. All authorizations to use the public right of way or private property under this Ordinance and/or the Pilot Program are revocable at any time for any reason at the sole discretion of the City Administration for the City of El Paso.

SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATIVE TERMINATION OF PILOT PROGRAM

Due to the uncertainty caused by this pandemic, the City Administration is authorized to terminate the Pilot Program and any uses of public right of way or private property under this order

if in the discretion of City Administration such termination is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the community. If City Administration terminates the Pilot Program, then all City Code provisions suspended under this order are reinstated as of the date of termination of the Pilot Program.

SECTION 5. DURATION OF SUSPENSION

The suspension or modification of the ordinances and regulations listed herein shall remain in effect for 30 days, unless re-enacted in accordance with City Charter Section 3.10 or until the state of disaster is terminated, whichever is sooner.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES

- A. These regulations shall have the effect of ordinances when duly filed with the City Clerk.
- B. A person who violates any provision of these regulations and/or the requirements established by the City Administration pertaining to the Pilot Program under this Ordinance, upon conviction, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that phrases, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable. If any part of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining phrases, sentences, paragraphs and sections.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY.

- A. This emergency ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council Representatives present and the consent of the Mayor pursuant to City Charter Section 3.10.
- B. This emergency ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and publication and it is accordingly so ordained. This ordinance shall remain in effect for 30 days, unless re-enacted in accordance with City Charter section 3.10 or until a state of disaster is terminated, whichever is sooner.

(Signatures on the following page)

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this ____ day of October, 2021.


THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



For Sam Rodriguez, P.E.
City Engineer



El Paso, TX

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CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS LEGISTAR AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT, CONTACT INFORMATION:

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All Districts

Community and Human Development, Nicole Ferrini, (915) 212-1659

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

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Presentation about Climate Change Planning efforts at the City of El Paso, including research on Climate Action Plans in Texas and the South West.

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

AGENDA DATE: 10/11/2021
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: NA

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Nicole Ferrini, 915.212.1659

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 8 - Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

SUBGOAL: 8.4 Reduce operational energy consumption; 8.5. Improve air quality throughout El Paso; 8.6. Provide long-term, cost effective, sustainable regional solid waste solutions; 8.8. Improve community resilience through education, outreach and implement resilience strategy

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.**

Presentation about Climate Change Planning efforts at the City of El Paso, including research on Climate Action Plans in Texas and the South West.

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?

As requested on June 8th, 2021, by Districts 1, 2 and 8, and directed by the City Manager, staff will present an update after reviewing Climate Change Action Plans of other cities comparable to El Paso, not limited to Austin, Dallas, Houston, Denver, Oakland, and Las Cruces.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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

On June 8th, 2021, City Council was presented "City of El Paso Climate Action Plan: Setting Goals to Increase Our Community's Resilience Through Climate Preparedness" as part of the item requesting review of climate action plans.

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?

NA

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? X YES ___NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvement

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING UPDATE

Nicole Ferrini
Chief Resilience Officer

Fernando Liano
Sustainability Coordinator



What is a Climate Action Plan (CAP)?

- A strategic framework for **reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change.**
- A CAP includes measures **aligned with existing municipal priorities** to reduce GHG emissions and face current and future climate hazards.

4 Critical Components:

1. Community-wide **inventory** of existing emissions;
2. a **resilience and adaptation** focus;
3. prioritized mitigation and adaptation **actions**;
4. **funding** mechanisms; and **implementation** pathway.

Benefits

- **Health benefits:** improved air quality as a consequence of reducing GHG emissions will positively impact respiratory illnesses; heat mitigation strategies will result in better quality of life.
- **Equity:** **opportunity to use the CAP as a decision-making and implementation tool to address inequality in El Paso.**
- **Economic development:** a comprehensive CAP would enable access to funding opportunities for strategic projects, including important infrastructure and emergency response projects for El Paso.

Building a **Successful CAP**

**Emissions Reduction
Impact Mitigation to Hazards**

**Climate
Resilience**

**Operational
Savings**

**Energy
Water
Improved Health**

**Advocacy
Metrics
Networks
Partners**

**Funding,
Resources +
Timeline**

**Civic
Empowerment**

**Equity
Engagement
Education
Transparency**

CAP Benchmarking

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Yes	✓
No	X



Analysis by City

components

	San Antonio	Dallas	Houston	Austin	Las Cruces	C.Juarez	Albuquerque	Phoenix	Santa Fe	Denver	Oakland	El Paso
	2019	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2021	2020	2018	2018	2020	
CAP												X
Equity	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Mitigation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Resilience-Adaptation	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
Funding	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X
Timeline			✓					✓			✓	X

Carbon Neutrality Goals by City

	San Antonio	Dallas	Houston	Austin	Las Cruces	Albuquerque	Phoenix	Santa Fe	Denver	Oakland
Timeline	2050	2050	2050	2040	2050	2030	2050	2040	2050	2050
Goal	Carbon neutral	Carbon neutral	Carbon neutral	Carbon neutral	78% reduction	45% reduction	Carbon neutral	Carbon neutral	80% reduction	83% reduction



El Paso's Climate Action Goals need to make sense for our community with our people in mind.

Municipal Benchmarking

Staffing

	FTEs
Austin	12
San Antonio	9
Houston	4.4
Las Cruces	2
El Paso	1

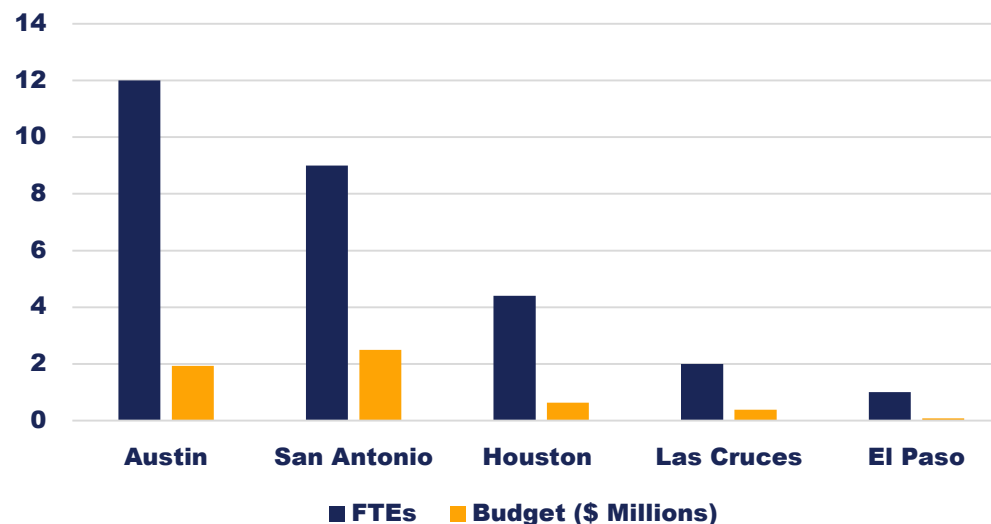
Sample Budgets

	San Antonio
Total Budget	\$2,500,000
Energy program	\$1,300,000
Salaries	\$700,000
Programatic	\$500,000

	Las Cruces
Total Budget	\$380,000
Salaries	\$180,000
Programatic	\$200,000
	Houston
Total Budget *	\$626,700

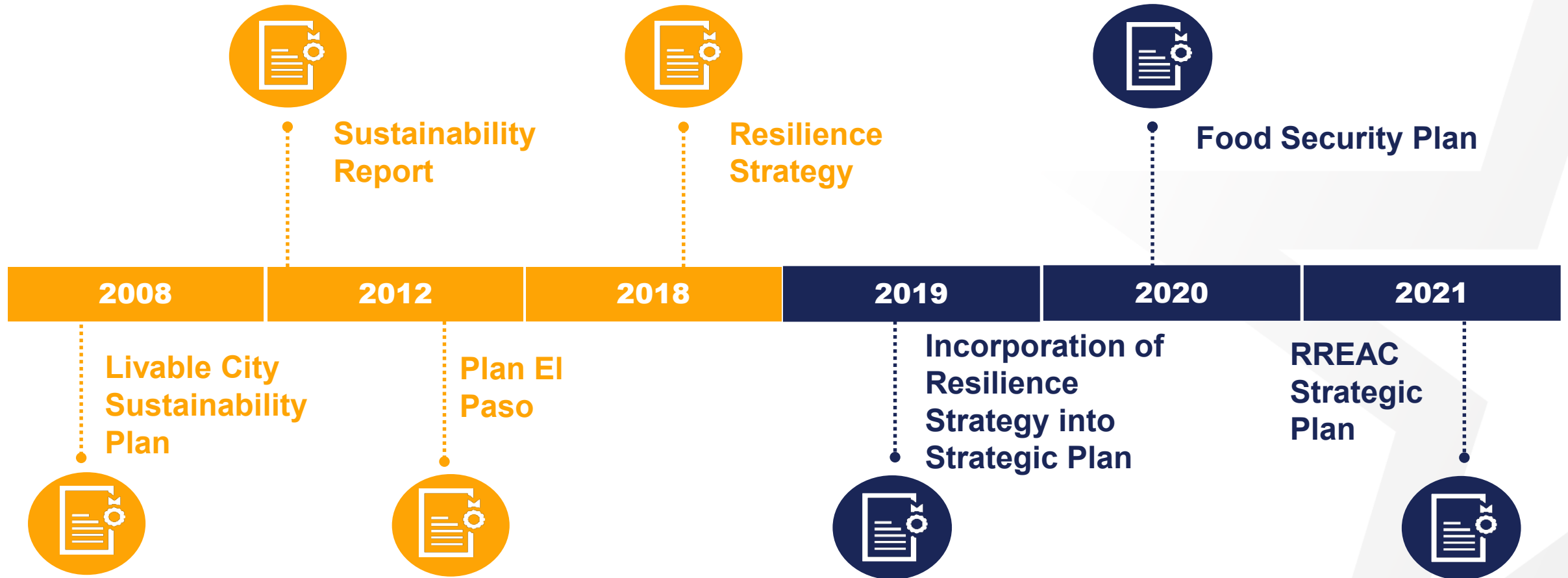
	Austin
Total Budget	\$1,933,000
Salaries	\$1,500,000
Programatic	\$433,000

Staffing and Budget Benchmarking



Building El Paso's First Climate Action Plan

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Building **El Paso's First** Climate Action Plan

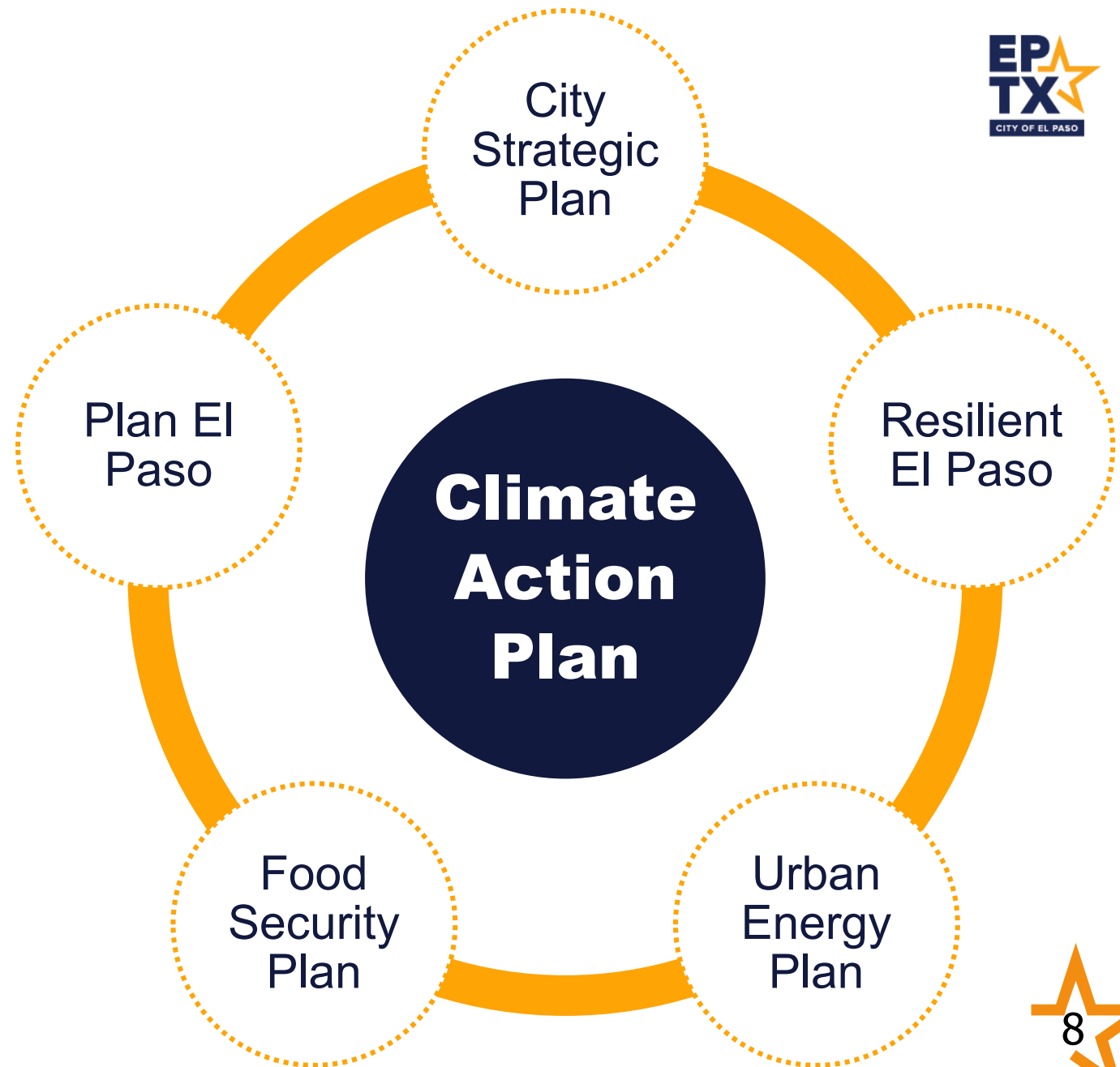
PRESENT TO FUTURE



The City of El Paso has already taken great strides toward addressing climate action. All climate action planning moving forward will be informed and driven by existing plans adopted since 2012.

Basis for the CAP

- Plan El Paso
- Resilient El Paso
- Food Security Plan
- Urban Energy Plan
- City Strategic Plan



Plan **El Paso**

A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING APPROACH TO CLIMATE

Plan El Paso provides the basis for El Paso's regulations and policies that **guide its physical and economic development.**

Sustainability + Climate

- Network of Open Space, Protect and Restore Nature
- Strengthening the “Blue Network”, Make the most of available water and water management tools
- Greener Buildings + Strengthening the Urban Green Network
- Energy Demand and Renewable Energy

Resilient **El Paso**

IDENTIFYING CLIMATE VULNERABILITIES IN CONTEXT

The resilience strategy is not a climate plan, it is an assessment of community vulnerabilities and a set of clear actions in the areas of **city infrastructure, economic development, civic empowerment and governance.**

Linkages to Climate Action

- Extreme heat, very likely to occur and can have severe consequences specifically among the most vulnerable.
- Drought, varying river allocations and continued drought remain a critical concern for the region.
- Flash floods and freezing conditions, 2021 events are clear example of these risks.

Food Security Plan

MOVING BEYOND RELIEF + RESPONSE TOWARD SECURITY

Policy Recommendations

Create an Urban Agriculture Policy

- Increased local food production
- Implement Environment & Food Waste Policies

Food System Prioritization within Public Budgets

- Sustainability Specialist Position
- Ongoing investments to make food security a priority

Natural resources used and **emissions generated** by the current food system have a significant impact on the environment.

Food Security Task Force

- Convened over **16 community organizations** in June of 2020 to develop the Food Security plan to inform future policy and funding opportunities to support our food systems.
- Recommendations focused on the overall objectives of **reducing food insecurity and strengthening our food system** for long-term sustainability and resilience.

Urban Energy Plan

A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Climate Related RREAC Goals

- Enhance and increase **EV fleet** and chargers at municipal facilities
- Advocate for **equitable access to solar for the community**, prioritizing disadvantaged communities historically impacted by environmental concerns, including incentive programs and enhanced permitting and inspection processes.
- Promote collaboration between the City of El Paso and El Paso Electric to expand and enhance equitable, **affordable access to community solar for commercial and residential customers.**

Congresswoman's Climate Action Committee

Purpose

Determine the focus sectors for Climate Action in our region under the umbrella of Equity, Resilience, Environmental Justice and Economy as core values.

Partners

Municipal, County, State and Tribal Government, Non Profits, Private Sector, Utilities, Academia, Advocacy Groups

Deliverable

To develop a Climate Action Framework Paper for the El Paso Region focused on recommendations and identification of needed resources to proceed with regional climate action.



Partner Networks: Resilient City Network

The **Resilient Cities Network (RCN)** consists of cities that are committed to building and investing in urban resilience, located in five geographical regions: Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe and Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, and North America.



RESILIENT

**CITIES
NETWORK**

For a safe and
equitable world

Urban Resilience is the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses and systems within a city to **survive, adapt and grow** no matter what kinds of stresses and acute shocks they experience.

- Extreme weather, refugee crises, disease pandemics, supply chains, cyberattacks; **today's new normal requires models of governance that mitigate risk and respond to evolving challenges.**
- Business-as-usual models of **reactive planning and siloed decision-making** will not generate the fundamental strength and flexibility essential for us to thrive in the face of the acute shocks and chronic stresses of the 21st century.

Partner Networks: USDN

USDN governments are leading the way to a **sustainable, low-carbon future** by developing, adopting, and sharing practices that create equitable and prosperous communities and a healthy environment



Peer exchange and collaboration between local government sustainability leaders catalyze the creation and implementation of urban sustainability solutions.

The network creates change in the world by connecting members to share and learn from each other, **incentivizing collaboration, and collectively leveraging resources.**

High Impact Pathways

1. Manage Climate and Environmental Risk and Reduce Exposure Disparities
2. Accelerate the Transition to Clean, Accessible, Resilient, and Equitable Mobility Systems
3. Catalyze the Construction and Retrofit of Healthy, Resilient, Zero-Carbon Buildings
4. Accelerate an Equitable Transition to Clean and Resilient Energy Sources
5. Invest in Ecosystem Regeneration and Access

Partner Networks: USGBC Texas

The U.S. Green Building Council Texas is a community-benefit nonprofit (501c3) committed to **ensuring a better built environment** for current and future generations of Texans.

Focused on uniting all stakeholders involved in the **development, design, construction, operation and use of the built infrastructure** to achieve equitable practices and policies in our state for the long-term economic, environmental and social benefit of our communities.



The USGBC TX mission is to accelerate the **adoption of green building and sustainable development** policies and practices.



Resourcing Climate Action: **Planning + Implementation**

1

Formalize Resource Structure for Planning + Implementation

2

Establish Baseline Data Set (i.e. GHG Inventory)

3

Formalize a Plan and Identify Actions, Resources and Timeline

4

Identify Globally Recognized Tools to Measure Progress

5

Leverage Networks and Partnerships for Appropriate Benchmarking

Areas of Focus: **Planning + Implementation**

- GHG emissions inventory
- Coordination with community actors
- Adaptation and vulnerability assessment

Climate Baseline Development

1

Energy + Water Management

2

- Demand Reduction
- Renewable Energy Building Environment Performance Guidance
- Water resources

Food Systems

4

- Urban agriculture Policy
- Programs related to local food, food waste, emergency food.

Active Transportation

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- Community Programs related to active living + transportation
- Electrification

Leveraging Networks for Benchmarking



Climate Mayors Network

National organization with 470 members dedicated to creating real climate action at the local level

- U.S. cities' commitment to climate progress.
- Build political will for federal and global climate action.
- Links local efforts to federal action.

“Cities are on the front line of climate change, but they also are uniquely positioned to lower emissions. Mayors around the world are eager to lead and the Global Covenant of Mayors helps them to take action.”

Michael Bloomberg

Former New York City Mayor

Co-Chair Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy

Making a commitment to measure our progress in alignment with national and international benchmarks:

1. Measuring and reducing GHG emissions.
2. Prepare for the impacts of climate change.
3. Increase access to sustainable energy.

Leveraging Networks: Setting Goals

C40
CITIES

Representing 700+ million citizens and one quarter of the global economy, mayors of the C40 cities are committed to delivering on the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement at the local level, as well as to cleaning the air we breathe.

1. **Connect city officials** with their peers around the world to help deliver solutions to climate challenges;
2. **Inspire innovation** by showcasing the ideas and solutions of leading global cities;
3. **Advise city peers** based on experience with similar projects and policies; and
4. **Influence national and international policy** agendas and driving the market by leveraging the collective voice of cities.





Membership Guidelines

1. Megacities

- **Population:** City population of 3 million or more, and/or metropolitan area population of 10 million or more, either currently or projected for 2025. OR
- **GDP:** One of the top 25 global cities, ranked by current GDP output, at purchasing power parity (PPP), either currently or projected for 2025.

2. Innovator Cities

- Cities that do not qualify as Megacities but have shown **clear leadership in environmental and climate change work.**
- An Innovator City must be internationally recognized for **barrier-breaking climate work**, a leader in the field of environmental sustainability, and a **regionally recognized “anchor city” for the relevant metropolitan area.**

★ 3. Observer Cities:

- A short-term category for new cities applying to join the C40 for the first time; all cities applying for Megacity or Innovator membership will initially be admitted as Observers until they meet C40’s year-one participation requirements, for up to one year.



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, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People



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Quarterly presentation to the City Council on El Paso Water utility operations and plans.

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

DEPARTMENT: El Paso Water

AGENDA DATE: October 11, 2021

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

John E. Balliew, P.E., President & CEO 915-594-5501

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 7 – Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

SUBGOAL: Goal 7.1 – Provide reliable and sustainable water supply and distribution systems.

SUBJECT:

Quarterly presentation to the City Council on utility operations and plans.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

El Paso Water President and CEO John Balliew will provide a quarterly presentation to city council to share important information about the utility, including capital improvement plans, open space preservation efforts, rate affordability, and customer service improvements.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

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Quarterly Presentation to El Paso City Council

John E. Balliew, P.E.
President and CEO, El Paso Water
October 11, 2021

Water Crisis Leads to Formation of PSB

1950s drought: a clarion call for El Paso

El Paso Headlines from 1951:

- Water Rationing in the City for the Summer (March 9)
- Serious Water Shortage Faces City (March 11)
- Power Firm Fears Water Shortage (June 1)
- Independent Water Board Suggested (June 10)
- River Drop Leaves Areas Waterless (June 23)



City created the PSB for water & wastewater

- In 1952, the City Council transferred complete authority and control of the management and operation of the water and wastewater system to the Public Service Board (Ordinance 752) by vesting them with “complete management and control of the system.... with the same freedom and in the same manner as are ordinarily enjoyed by the Board of Directors of a private corporation operating properties of a similar nature.”
- Per bond ordinance, the Board has complete management of its infrastructure, land assets and has the same authority with respect to El Paso Water employees as that of the City Council with respect to employees of the City.

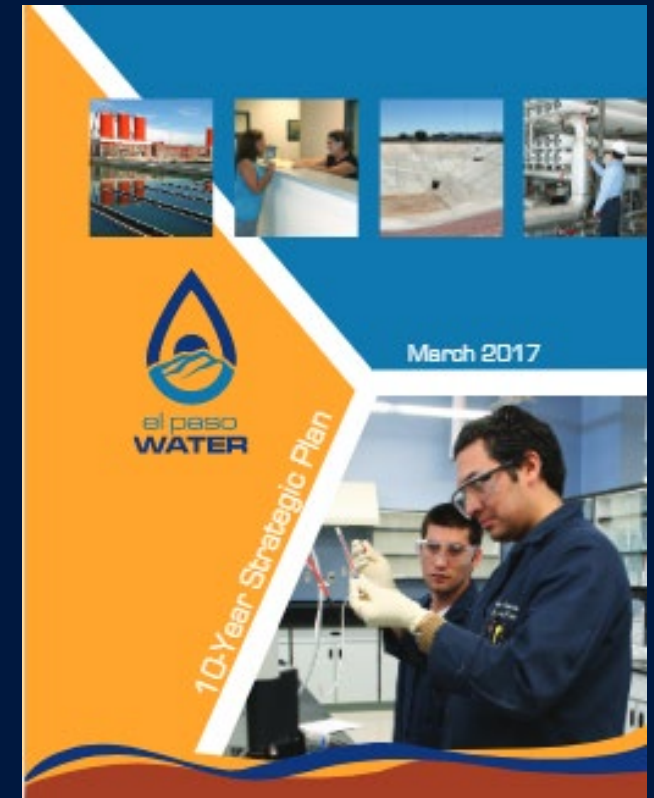
PSB is an expertise-based Board

- Mayor – representing City's interests
 - Engineering position
 - Financial management position
 - General business management position
 - Environment/Health position
 - Education/Communication position
 - Consumer/citizen advocacy position
- Position advertised
 - City Council-appointed selection committee screens candidates and presents a slate of up to 3 candidates for City Council action.
 - City Council considers the candidates and chooses.

Overview

EPWater strategic planning

- Under PSB direction, El Paso Water has its own strategic plan, including mission, vision, values, thematic priorities and objectives.
- The utility has worked with the Balanced Scorecard Institute over the last five years, engaged leaders and employees in multiple workshops and adopted their framework for planning.
- When invited, I have participated in City strategic planning sessions, which then helps to inform our utility planning process.



MISSION

Provide our customers with a sustainable water supply and the highest quality water services to enhance the vitality of El Paso.

VISION

We are an international model for water resource innovation, respected and trusted by our customers for our leadership in delivering sustainable water services to a thriving El Paso community.

THEMES - PRIORITIES

Innovative Resource Management
Exceptional Service
Talent Growth
Organizational Excellence

El Paso is recognized as an international leader in water innovation

- Conservation
- Reclamation
- Aquifer Recharge
- Desalination
- Portfolio of Water Sources
- Advanced Purification

- EPWater receives visitors from around the globe at our desalination plant.
- Our leaders are in demand at national water conferences.
- San Antonio Water System operates under a similar governance structure, and SAWS and EPWater are considered the two best run utilities in Texas.

Awarded for sustainability

- El Paso is one of only two utilities nationally to receive the **Sustainability Water Utility Management Award** two times from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies.



Innovating the future with key partners

Focus Areas:

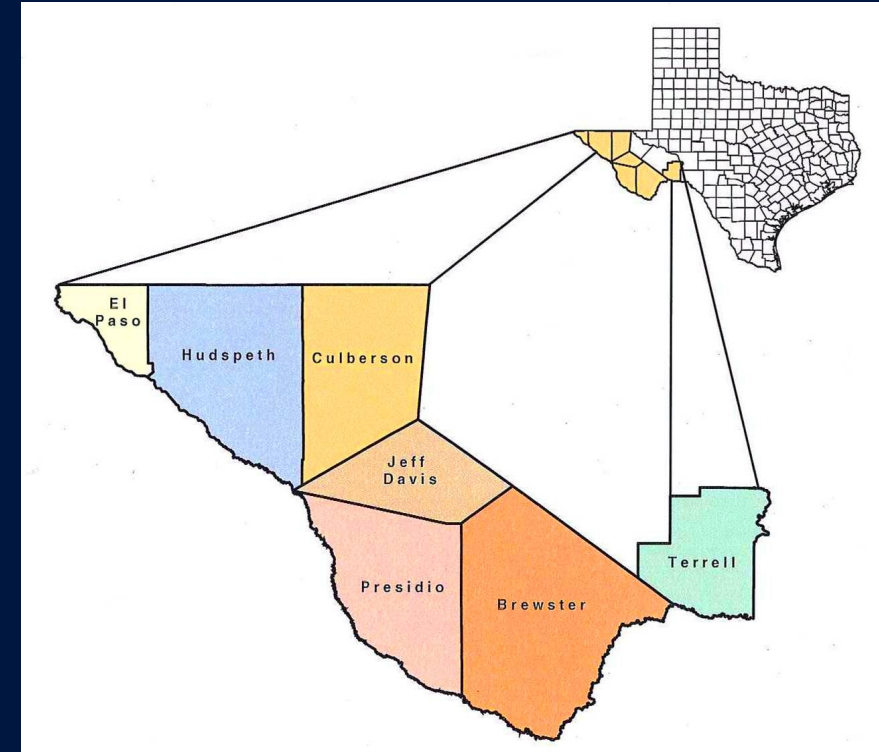
- CERRO: More water from salt concentrate
- Permalog Leak Detection System
- Enhanced composting
- Water-energy nexus
- KANDO water quality management



Water Supply and Planning

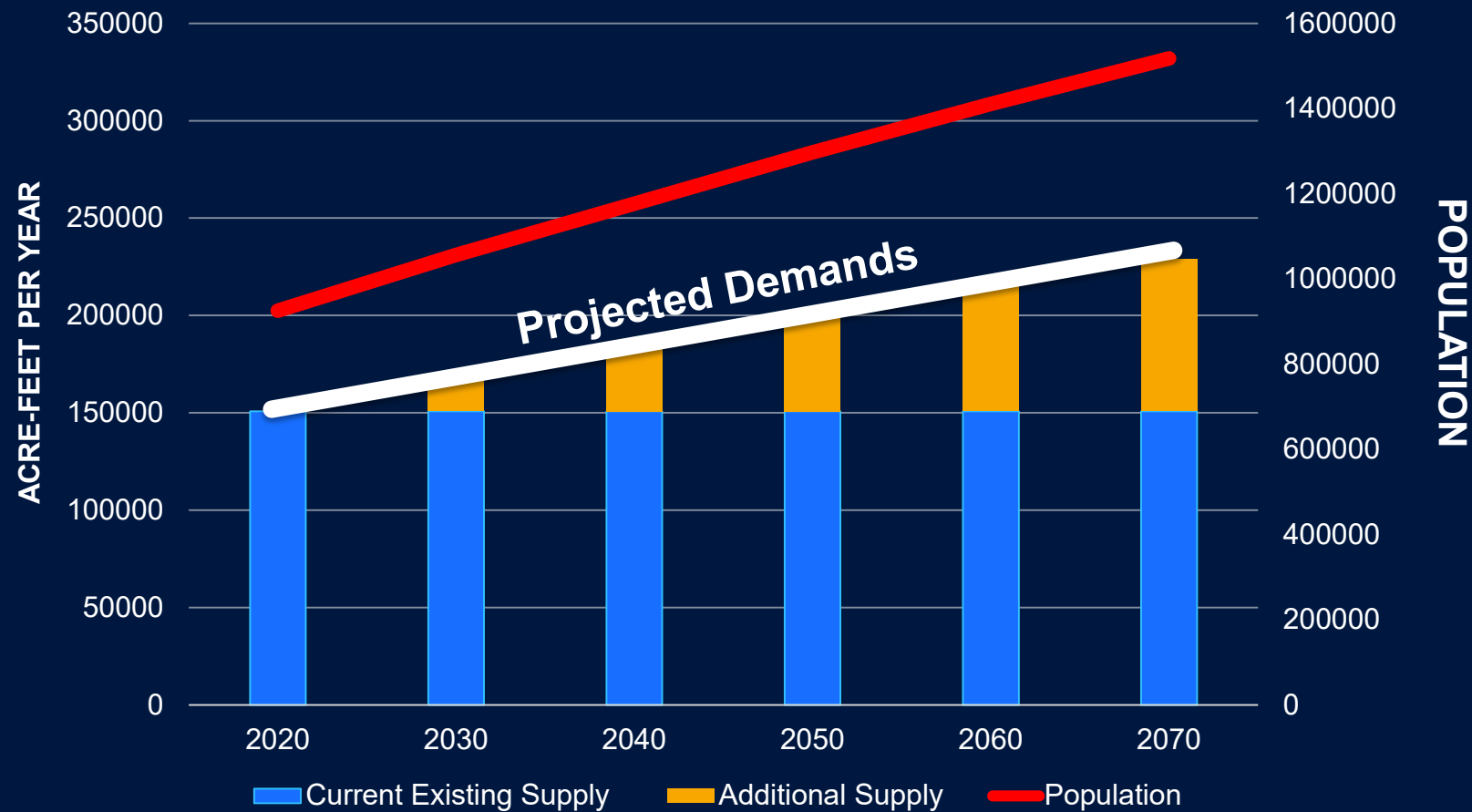
50-Year water plan approved by TWDB

- **1991:** EPWater started producing 50-Year Water Plans to anticipate and plan to meet community water needs.
- **1995:** Texas legislature designated the PSB as the regional water and wastewater authority and planner (SB 450)
- **1997:** Texas legislature adopted current water planning process with 16 water planning areas; El Paso is part of Region E (Far West Texas Planning Group).
- **Every 5 years:** Every water utility, county and all 16 regions conduct planning exercises, evaluate population growth and water demands and available supplies to update their plans.
- **2021:** EPWater submitted its latest updated 50-Year plan as part of the Region E Plan. TWDB has approved it.



The City is invited and encouraged to attend Region E planning meetings, which typically meet quarterly. City was previously but not currently active.

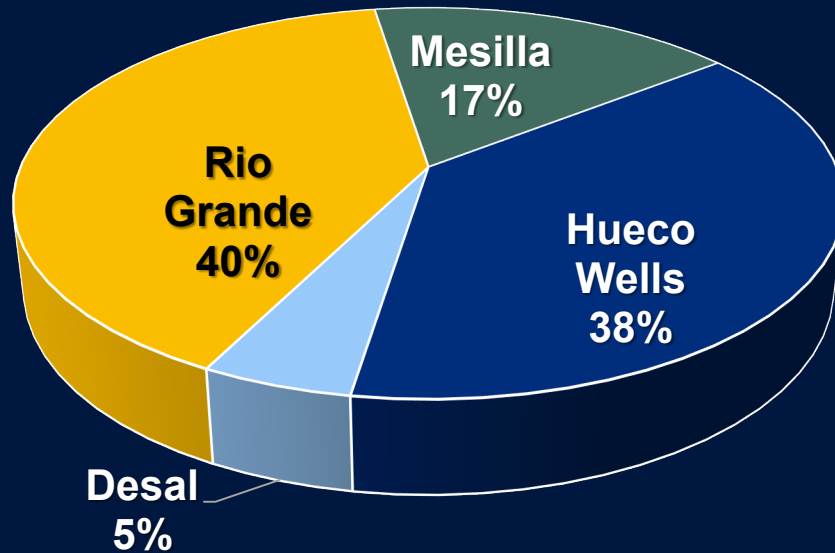
New water sources are needed to meet demands of increasing population



El Paso's Water Sources: Typical vs. 2070

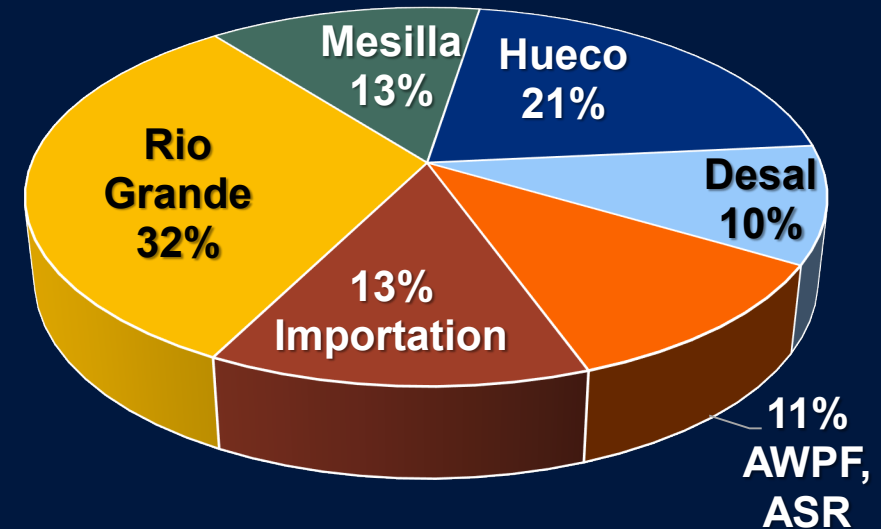
TYPICAL

Water Supply: **158,000 AF**
Normal (Non-drought) Conditions



2070 Estimates

Water Supply: **210,000 AF**
Normal (Non-drought) Conditions



Ratios of supply sources currently and in 2070 are based on concepts from 50-Year state water plan, which is integrated into the TWDB- Region E – Far West Texas Plan. (Online)

Infrastructure Management

\$1.91 billion in major system assets

Water & Wastewater

4	Water treatment plants
4	Wastewater treatment plants
60	Pump stations
70	Lift stations
76	Reservoirs
151	Number of wells
2,326	Miles of wastewater lines
2,854	Miles of water lines
11,447	Number of fire hydrants

Stormwater

9	Miles of agricultural drains
41	Dams/Basins
72	Miles of channels
441	Ponds
7,315	Drainage inlets

We place the highest priority on water quality

- Our river treatment plants consistently receive Partnership for Safe Water Awards (EPA and water associations).
- Our accredited International Water Quality Laboratory is a national model.
 - Lab collects and reviews more than 45,000 samples and performs more than 370,000 water tests annually.
 - We put out a water quality report annually, as required by TCEQ (available on EPWater website).



Water pipes benchmarking

- The national average for water main breaks is 25 breaks per 100 miles.
 - El Paso's rate is about 8 breaks per 100 miles.
- El Paso has 2,854 miles of water lines.
 - About 700 miles (25%) of water lines are 40 years or older.
 - The utility has leak detection and condition assessment programs to maximize asset life.

Largest Water/WW infrastructure investments

Looking back: last 5 years

Water & Wastewater

- Dell City water rights acquisitions
 - \$200 million investment
- Eastside Interceptor
- Country Club Water/Wastewater Line Replacement
- Yandell and Roseway Large Diameter Transmission Line rehabilitation
- Paisano Valley
- Super Oxygenation System
- Back-up Power Generation Packages
- Customer Information System Upgrade
- Hickerson Plant Expansion
- Montwood Lift Station
- Ozonation System
- Digester Improvements
- Effluent Pipe Rehabilitation
- Blower Rehabilitation
- Membrane Replacement
- Haskell to Hervey Diversion
- Security Upgrades
- Instrumentation Upgrades
- Lift station rehabilitations
- Wastewater manhole rehabilitation

Largest Stormwater infrastructure investments

Looking back: last 5 years

Stormwater

- Gateway Ponds
- Fairbanks Sediment Catch Basin
- Central Dam Improvements
 - Louisiana Dam
 - Kentucky Dam
 - Denver Dam
 - Copia Pond
- Austin Pond
- Pollard Pond
- Thomas Manor Park Pond
- Magnolia Pump Station/Force Main
- Grand Teton Basin
- Improvements with City

Largest Water/WW infrastructure investments

Upcoming: Next 5 years

Water & Wastewater

- ASR Project
- KBH Desalination Expansion
- Storage Tank Rehabilitation & Maintenance
- Critical line replacement at gas line crossings
- Advanced Water Purification Facility
- Water Tanks for Additional Storage
 - Rosemont
 - Zaragosa
 - Sunset
 - Cielo Vista
- Reclaimed Water System Rehabilitation
- Frontera Force Main Replacement
- Rehabilitation, upgrades and expansion to Bustamante Wastewater Plant
- Rehabilitation and upgrades to Haskell Wastewater Plant – Grit, odor control, etc.
- Rehabilitation and expansion of lift stations
- Sanitary Sewer Connections – Septic to Public System

Largest Stormwater infrastructure investments

Upcoming: Next 5 years

Stormwater

- Will Ruth Pond
 - Dallas Pond
 - Real estate acquisition/demolition
 - Flow Path 39A Detention
 - Palisades Stormwater System
 - Arroyo 1A Improvements
 - Corrugated Metal Pipe Replacement - Citywide
- Clardy Fox Pump Station- Upgrade
 - Fort Bliss Diversion Access Boxes
 - Desilting at 6 Central Dams:
 - Morehead Dam
 - Memphis Dam
 - Scenic Dam
 - Tremont Dam
 - Murchison Dam
 - Cliff Dam

Next year's cost drivers

- This year's river drought brought more urgency to water supply projects.
- SB3 legislation (now law) will require more backup generating power investments at all our water facilities.

Specific Projects:

- Aquifer Storage and Recovery
- Heath-De Leon Tank
- Rosemont Tank
- Zaragoza Tank
- Bustamante Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion and rehabilitation

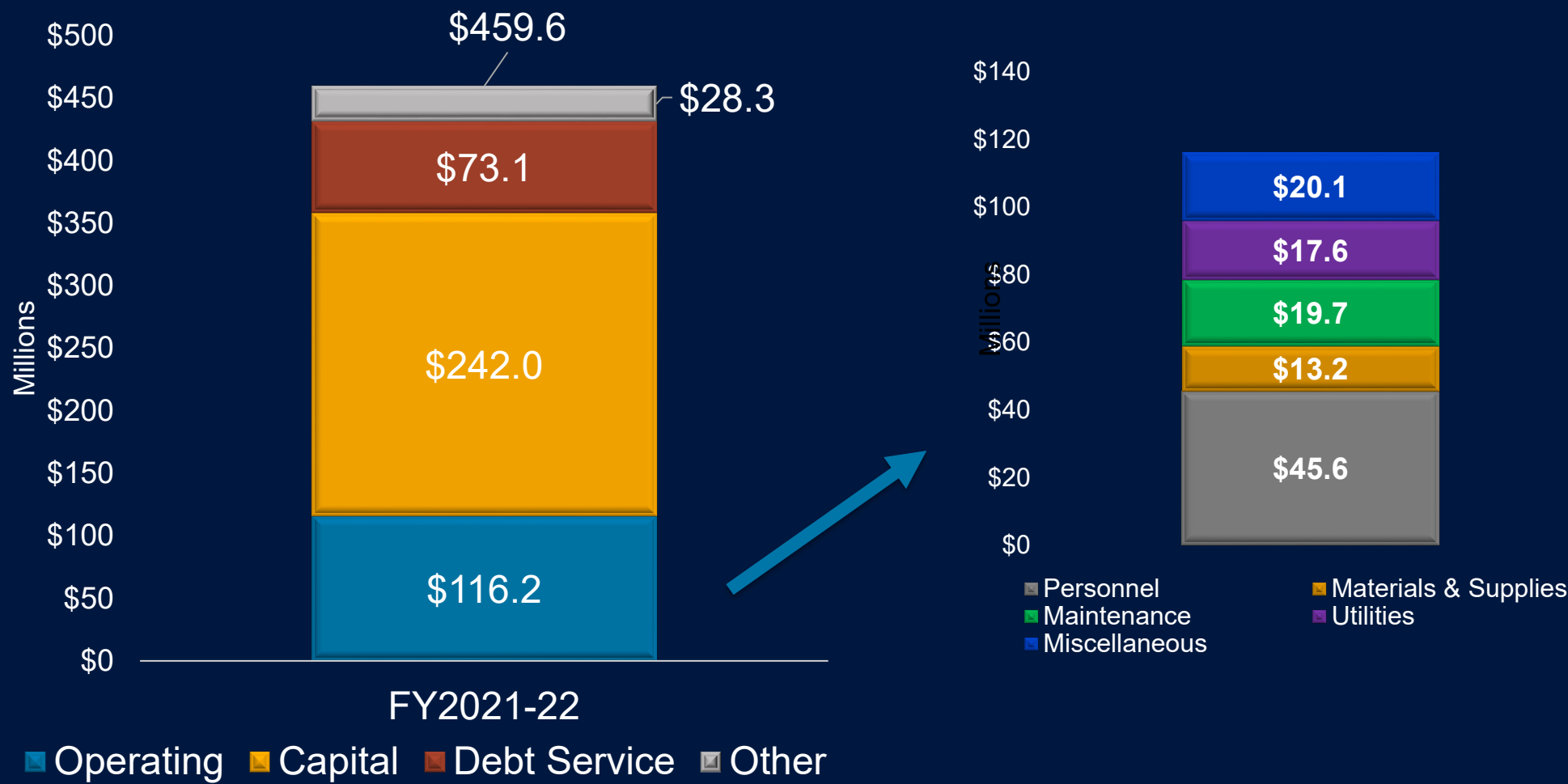
Rates

Annual rate consideration timeline

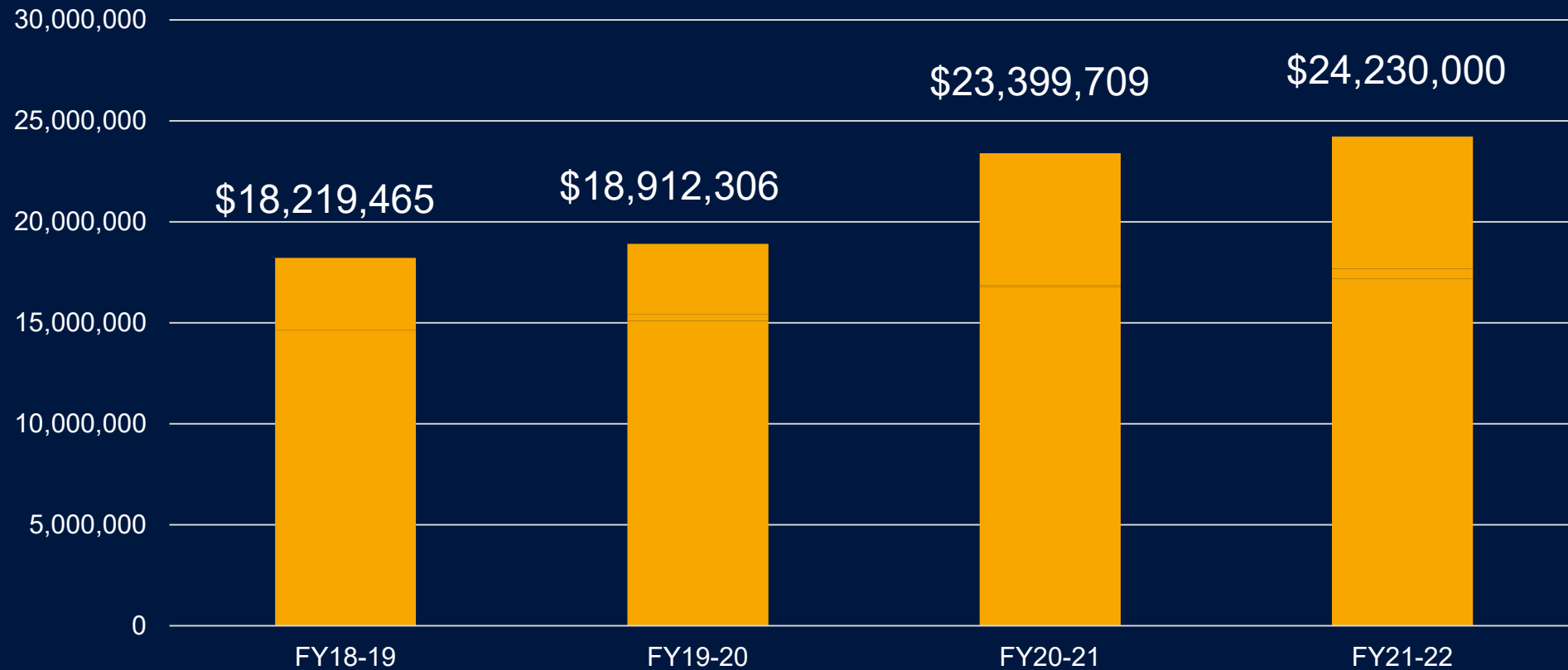


- New rates go into effect in March if the PSB approves a rate increase.
- The PSB has directed small, incremental increases over time rather than alternating between cycles of no increases and large increases that come with certain costly CIP projects.

FY21-22 water & wastewater budget summary

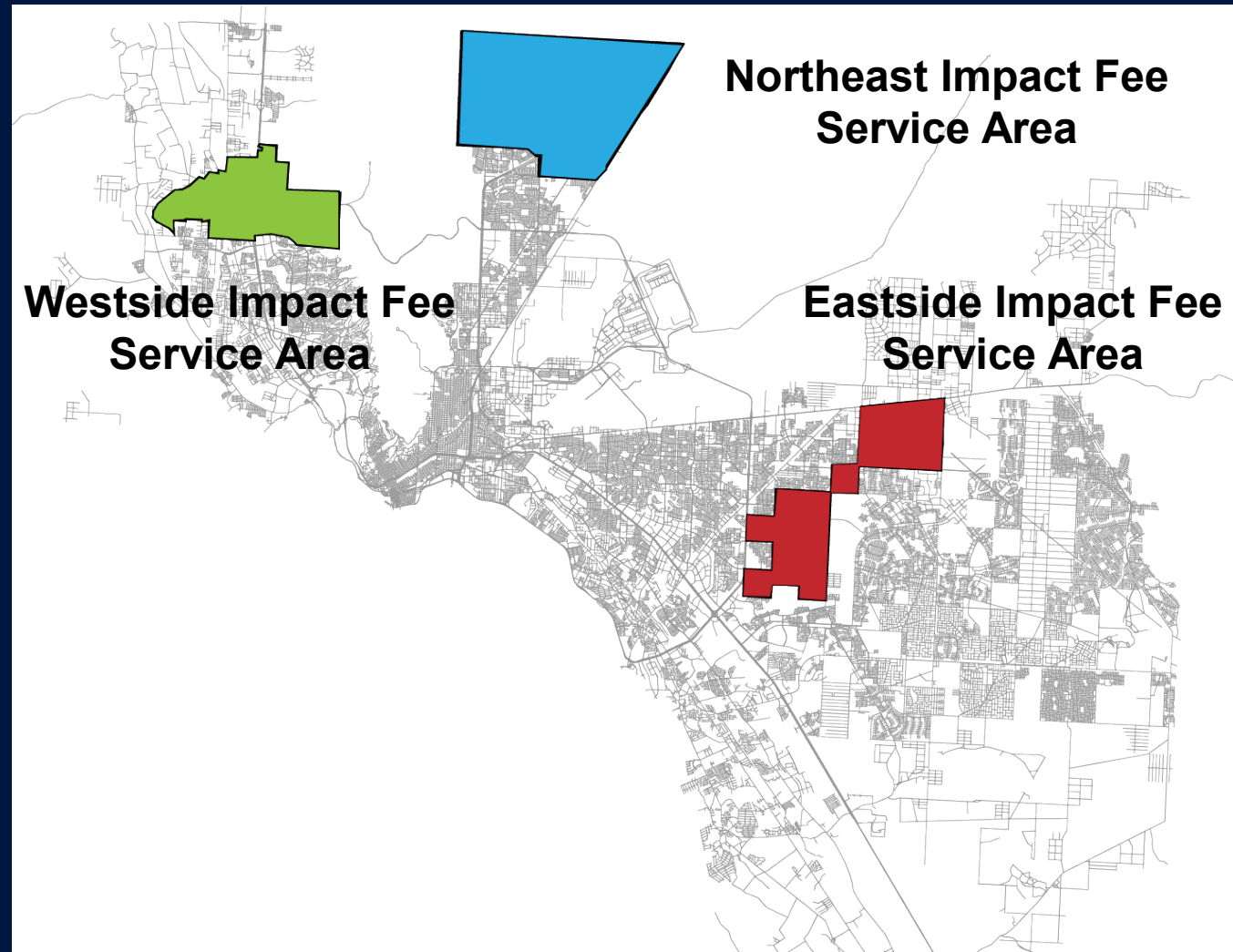


EPWater payments to the City



Note: Includes 10% payment to City, franchise fee and 5% of land sales.

Who pays for growth?



Funding for growth

- Current impact fee does not cover cost of growth



- Cost of gap split by everyone in the water system, which comes out to \$401 per customer over a 10-year period.
- Since City Council has not acted on impact fee recommendations, EPWater is conducting a rate study on differential rates for growth areas.

Actively pursue state & federal funding

- This year, we have secured \$9 million, mostly for water projects.
- Prior to this year, we averaged about \$5 million annually in funding.

Funding Agencies

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Texas Water Development Board

EPA through NADBank

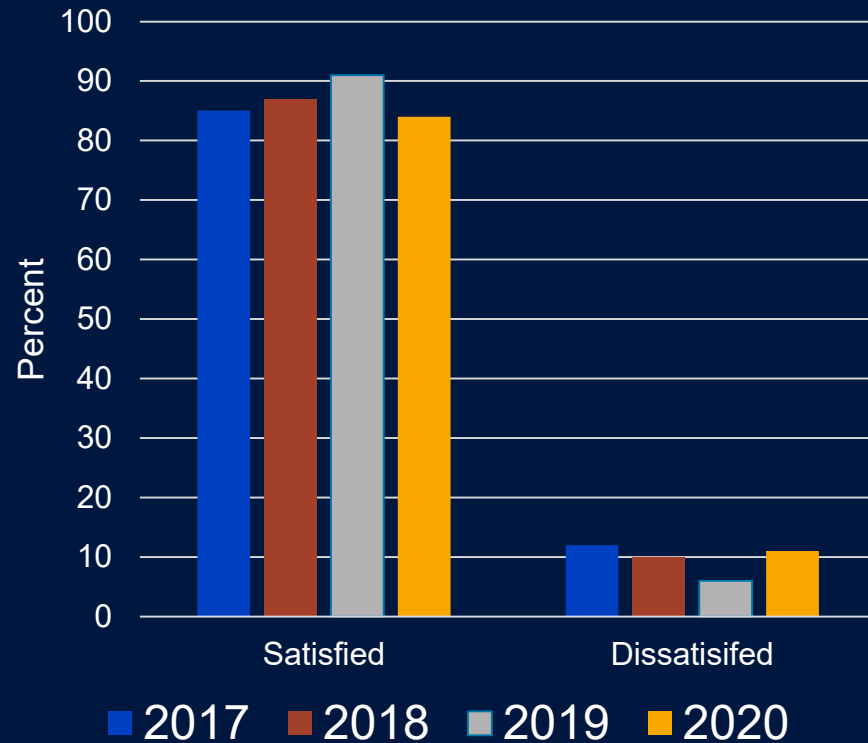
Texas Military Preparedness Commission

EPWater was invited to submit, and in June submitted, funding requests for a small percentage of the City's ARPA allocation. We have requested assistance (30% of project costs) for stormwater projects.

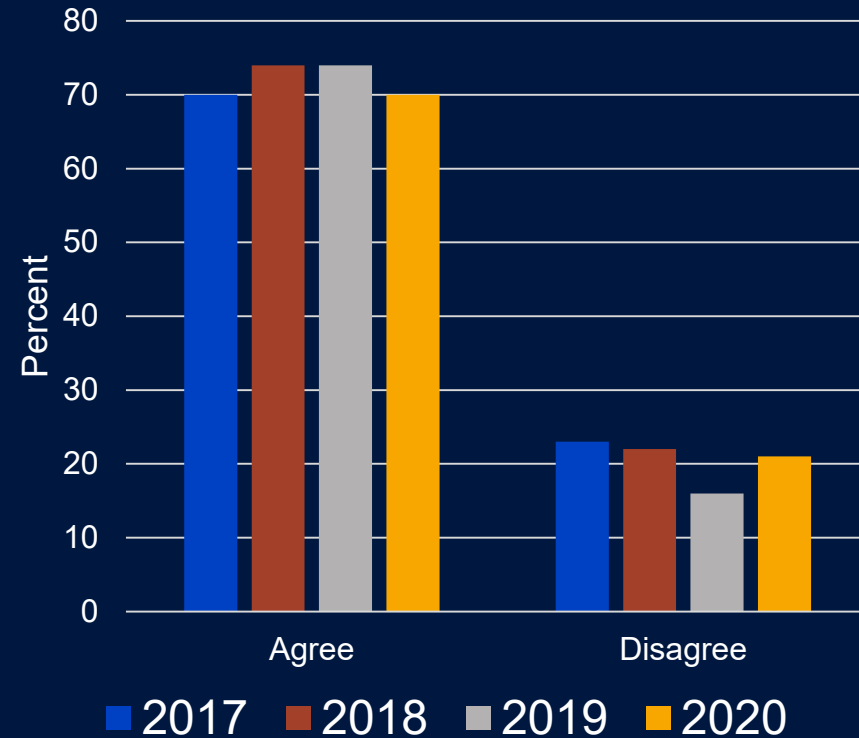
Customer Service and Satisfaction

Satisfaction & Quality Indicators

Overall Satisfaction with El Paso Water



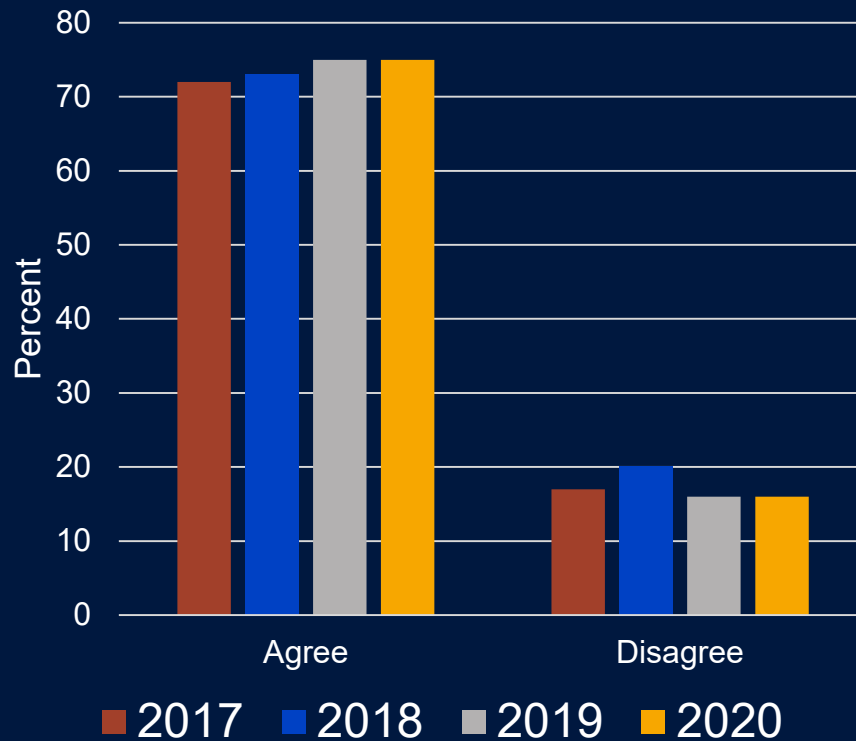
Our drinking water is safe and of good quality



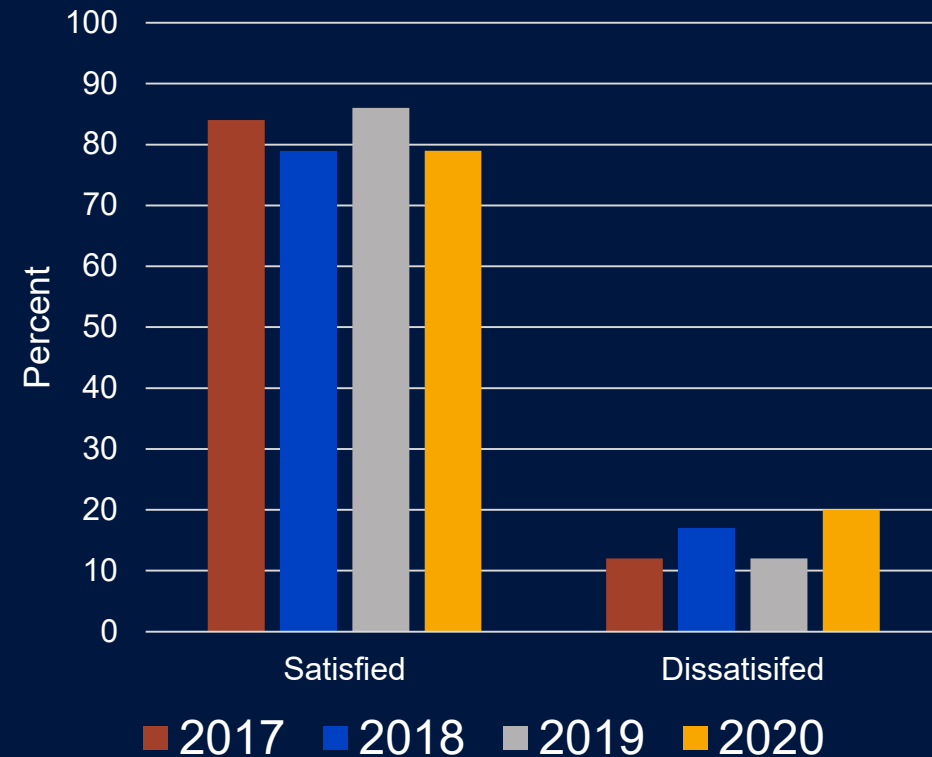
Continuous improvement is always our objective of customer surveys.

Customer Service Indicators

El Paso Water Really Cares about its Customers

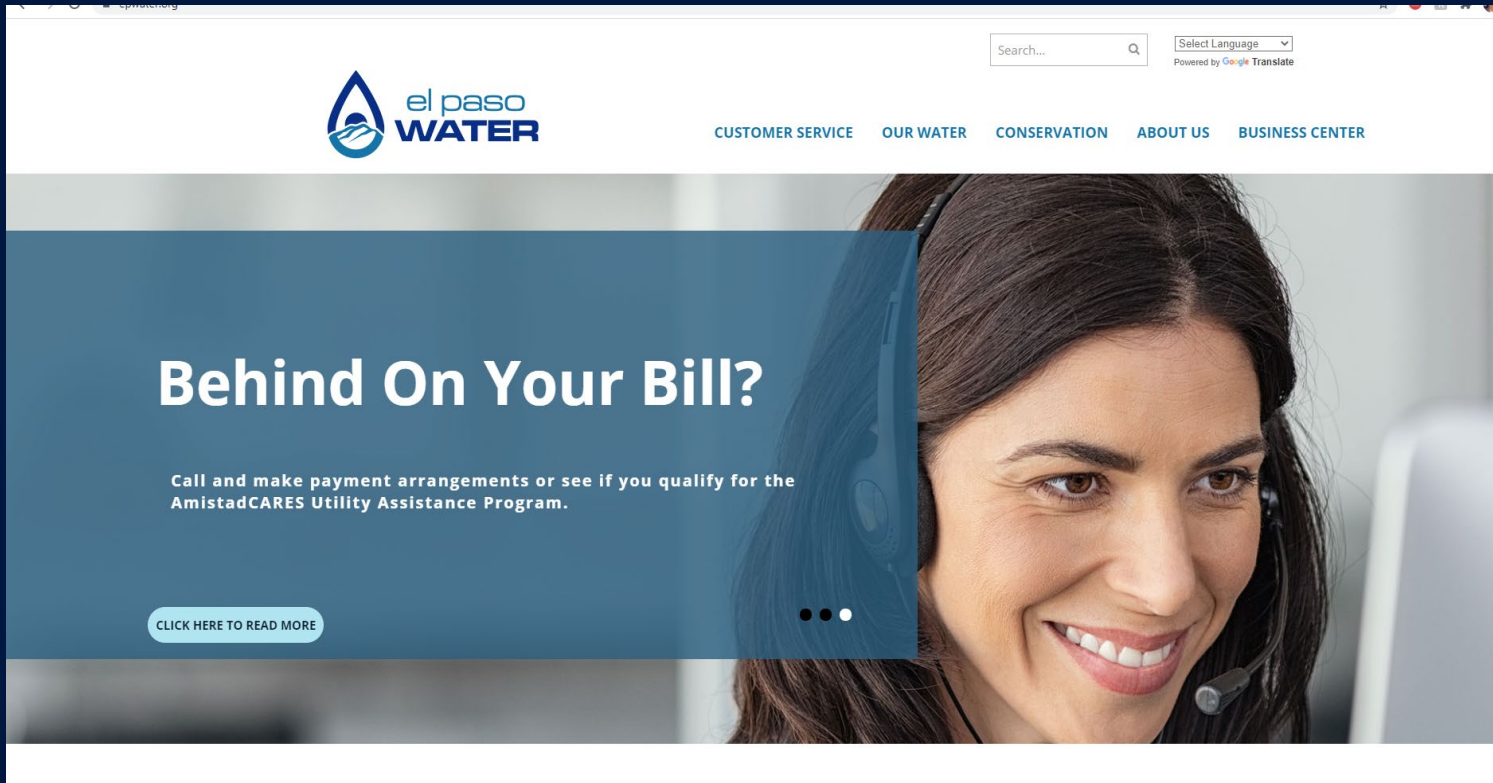


Satisfaction with Service from Customer Service Rep



Based on those who indicated they had interacted with customer service in the last two years.

Customer service improvements Last 5 years



- Improved website
- Improved IVR phone system with self-service options
- In-person payment options at all Walmarts, other locations

Coming soon: More improvements

- New Call Center facility will accommodate more customer representatives.
- Launch of new CIS System expected in March 2022 after a 3-Year implementation
 - New: No fee to pay online and more user-friendly online payment system
 - More self-service options
 - Eliminating manual processes for employees in the field and in the call center, increasing efficiency

Customer assistance programs



For low-income seniors;
Managed by Amistad.

CARES Act Funding – Water Bills/Env Services

Organization	Customers Assisted	Total Amounts (2020/2021)
EPWater /City	1901	473,817
EPWater employees	10	3,700
Amistad	4039	1,649,356
Project Bravo	1331	291,506
Totals	7,281	\$2,418,379

Coming soon: Low Income Housing Water Assistance Program, a federally funded program. (Project Bravo)

Chronic staffing shortages in customer service

EPWater receives more than 380,000 customer calls each year but struggles with volume.

- Salaries cannot compete with private call centers. EPWater becomes training ground for many customer service call-takers, and then they move on.
- EPWater has 34 customer relations positions; currently 79% staffed.
 - Nearly year-around postings, hiring and training
 - 16 departures and 25 new hires this year

Challenge: retention of customer service staff

As El Paso has become a bilingual call center hub, EPWater has found it more and more challenging to retain Customer Relations Clerks.

Hiring Organization (in El Paso)	Hourly Pay (advertised)
El Paso Water – starting wage	\$11.17
Amazon (starting wage – full time employee)	\$15.00
ADP (Online Client Support)	\$17.00
DISH	\$17.27
Spectrum (Call Center)	\$18.00
Lincoln Heritage Life Insurance Company	\$18.50

Land Sales and Partnerships for Preservation

History of EPWater land acquisition

- Ratepayer money was used to purchase the lands in which EPWater is a trustee.
- Land was purchased specifically for groundwater rights and spacing of wells. Money generated from land sales was/is applied to the CIP.
- Under the rules, only the lands not needed for the water, wastewater and stormwater system can be sold.

Partnerships to preserve lands



EPWater transferred 12,000 acres (half the park's total acreage) to Texas Parks and Wildlife.



EPWater acquired the 372-acre Rio Bosque Wetlands Park. Managed by UTEP-CERM with help from Friends for the Rio Bosque.

OSAB and open space priorities

Ordinance specifies that 10 percent of stormwater system's annual utility fee be allocated for green projects with stormwater benefit.

- Total open space acreage purchased: **515.7 acres**
- EPWater uses the 10% set-aside from stormwater fees to purchase and preserve open space to improve flood protection.
- Open Space Advisory Board (OSAB) is charged by Council to prioritize open space acquisitions, and we strictly follow OSAB priorities.
 - Per ordinance, park ponds are also prioritized
 - Council/constituent feedback on open space priorities should go to OSAB.
- EPWater is supportive of preservation and conservation easements, but there are occasions when it's not an option.
 - Example: If state owns mineral rights, state must sign off

Management of open space

- Ordinance Language: “.... the Board shall take into account the use of open space as natural drainage and to extent reasonably possible preserve the City’s open spaces, greenways, arroyos and wilderness areas in their natural state as a means to assist in the management of stormwater and in accordance with the City’s Open Space Master Plan.”
- El Paso Water’s operation and maintenance activities ensure that stormwater infrastructure, whether natural or manmade, continues to function properly and yield expected water quality and environmental benefits, protect public safety, and meet legal standards.

Non-profit partnership on Lost Dog Trail

EPWater is collaborating with Frontera Land Alliance on plans to monitor and maintain the Lost Dog Trail open space land.



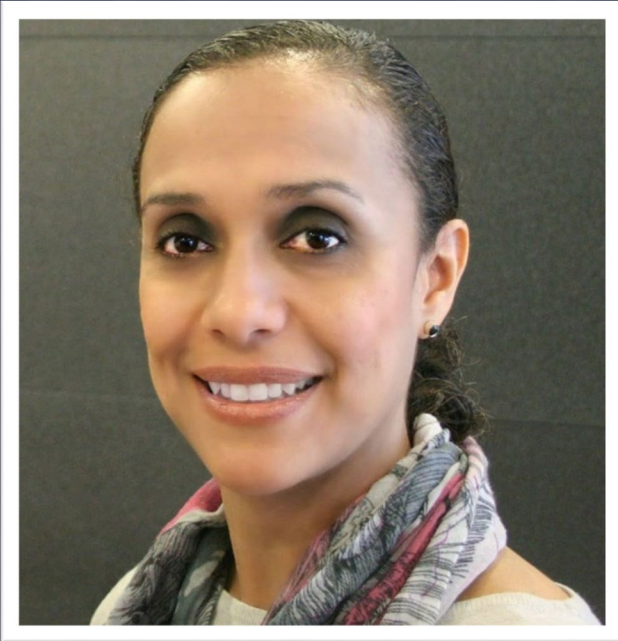
Coordination with the City

Longstanding coordination with City

- Water and wastewater line installation and replacement
- Proposed subdivisions and development projects
- Floodplain administrator support
- Environmental Services – EPWater provides billing for ESD
- OEM – Emergency Response

EPWater staff working with the City

Adriana Castillo, P.E.
Engineering Division Manager



Coordinates with Development
Coordinating Committee, City
Plan Commission since 2005

Amy Castner, P.E.
Engineering Division Manager



Coordinates with Capital
Improvements, Streets and
Maintenance since 2001

Corina Ledesma
Performance Systems Administrator



LSS Project to Streamline
Paving Process; Strategic
Planning

Streets and Capital Improvement coordination

- We have an engineering manager who meets with Streets monthly to discuss street resurfacing projects and EPWater replacement projects within Streets projects.
- We have meetings with Capital Improvement team and their consultants at 30%, 60%, 95% design.
- On projects in construction, we have weekly Capital Improvement meetings.
- Water and wastewater plans are submitted to the City for the City's Bid package for streets projects

OEM and emergency coordination

- EPWater has an employee who sits at the EOC during emergencies, who is linked into the alert bulletins put out by OEM and has access to OEM information systems.
- EPWater's representative provides briefings to OEM via email, phone, or in person, as required by individual situations or requested by EPWater management.
- EPWater participates in OEM exercises.

Partnership with Fort Bliss

- Collaboration with Public Works Department on joint priorities to preserve health and resilience of the installation.
- Recently signed an Intergovernmental Services Agreement, enabling the utility to provide a range of water engineering and water planning services for Fort Bliss.
- KBH Desalination Plant is on Fort Bliss property and helps meet water resiliency needs of the base.
- EPWater provides 25% of water needs to installation; Fort Bliss Water (private) provides 75%.
- EPWater provides 100% of wastewater needs to installation.

Planned topics for future quarterly presentations

- Rate and budget update
- Conservation
- Water supply planning (in more detail)
- Stormwater system investments
- Customer service update
- Water quality
- Safety, Security and Emergency Response



Thank You!

We look forward to continuing to work together.



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Presentation and update from the El Paso Electric Company on its current and future customer and operations investments and projects.

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AGENDA DATE: October 11, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Elizabeth Triggs, Interim Director, 212-1619

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6: Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management

SUBGOAL: 6.8 Implement leading-edge practices for achieving quality and performance excellence

SUBJECT:

Presentation and update from the El Paso Electric Company on its current and future customer and operations investments and projects.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Quarterly update by El Paso Electric on its current and future customer operations investments and projects

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Not applicable

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not applicable

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? X YES ___ NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Elizabeth Triggs, Interim Director, Economic & International Development



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City of El Paso Renewable Generation Study

OCTOBER 2021



Review of Study Deliverables

9.5(b)1 - The technical feasibility of integrating utility-scale renewable generation into EPE's utility system and the changes and impacts EPE's transmission and distribution system

9.5(b)2 - Possible costs and operational impacts related to the integration of utility-scale renewable generation into EPE's Texas service territory

9.5(b)3 - Legislative or regulatory changes, if any, that may be required to increase utility-scale renewable generation in EPE's Texas service territory and the legislative strategies necessary to implement such legislative or regulatory changes

9.5(b)4 - Potential voluntary renewable generation program offerings to allow customers to increase their use of renewable resources within the El Paso, TX city limits and EPE's Texas service territory

9.5(b)5 - Reasonable commitments that EPE can make to increase the integration of renewable generation in EPE's Texas generation portfolio

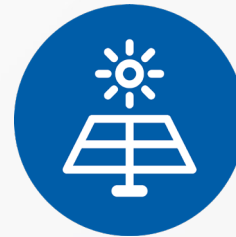
9.5(b)6 - Grant opportunities for EPE, the City, or both to increase the integration of renewable generation in EPE's Texas generation portfolio

9.5(b)7 - Potential renewable generation programs to assist with low-income assistance programs such as the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program or additional incentives for distributed generation

Items addressed in the technical study: 9.5(b)1, 9.5(b)2, 9.5(b)5

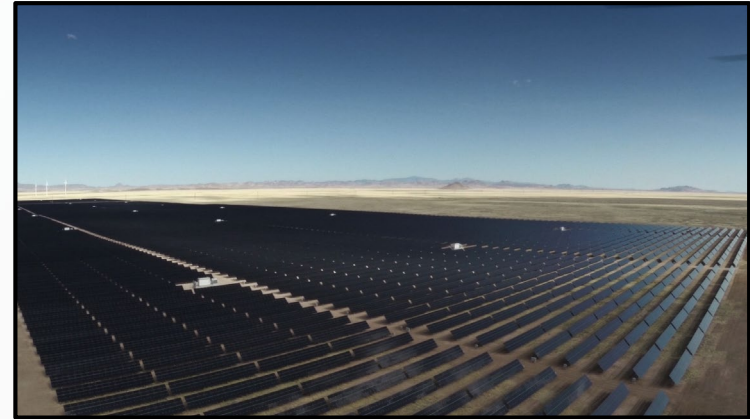
Legislative or Regulatory Changes - 9.5(b)3

- Technological improvements and price declines remove the need for legislative changes to increase renewable energy and battery storage
- A Renewable Portfolio Standard in Texas, for example, is no longer necessary as EPE established independent clean energy goals voluntarily



Proposed Dedicated Solar Plus Program (DSPP) - 9.5(b)4

- Partnership opportunity for the City of El Paso to partake in integrating more utility-scale solar
- A renewable energy supply alternative for educational, non-military governmental, large commercial, and industrial customers
- Program supplied by competitively procured utility-scale solar PV resources (estimated between 10 to 40 MW per facility)
- Current barriers to proceed:
 - securing land (approx. 80 acres)
 - procuring anchor customer



Expand Community Solar / El Paso Airport - 9.5(b)4

- Evaluating building a 5 MW solar facility
 - 2 MW dedicated to El Paso Airport
 - 3 MW for expansion of Community Solar Program
- Consultant presented a site selection analysis to EPE and City of El Paso
- EPE working with El Paso Airport on land lease details and costs for potential site
- To keep energy affordable, managing overall project costs is a priority



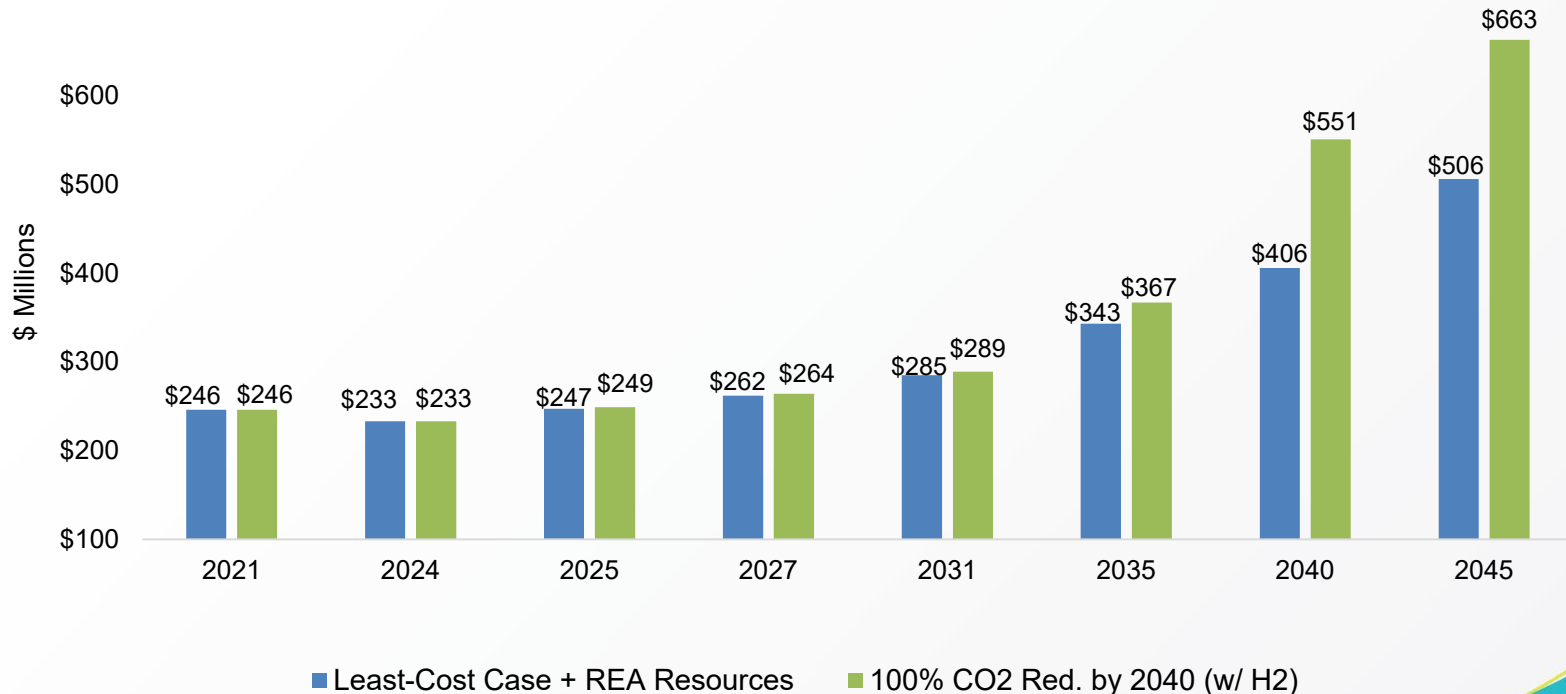
Clean Energy Goals - 9.5(b)5

El Paso Electric established carbon-free energy goals independent of the New Mexico Renewable Portfolio Standard and absent a requirement in Texas

Entity	Milestone 1	Milestone 2	100% Carbon-Free Requirement Mandated by the State
El Paso Electric	80% Carbon-free energy by 2035	100% decarbonization of generation portfolio by 2045	Texas - No
New Mexico Renewable Portfolio Standard	80% Carbon-free energy by 2040	100% carbon-free by 2045	Yes

Clean Energy Goals - 9.5(b)5

Annual Revenue Requirement - Generation Portfolio Comparison



*Breakdown of capacity additions by resource type in Appendix

Grant Opportunities - 9.5(b)6

Sec. 30483. Low-Income Solar-The Build Back Better Act invests \$2.5 billion for planning and installing solar facilities and community solar projects that serve low-income households or multi-family housing complexes. Eligible community solar projects must reserve at least 50% of capacity for low-income households.

Sec. 30422. High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program-The Build Back Better Act offers appliance and building efficiency and electrification rebates, including home energy efficiency retrofits, and conversion from inefficient fuel-burning furnaces, water heaters, dryers, and cooktops to efficient electric alternatives such as heat pumps and induction cooktops.

- Low-to-moderate income (LMI) households are eligible for higher rebates and more than 60 percent—\$5.5B out of \$9B electrification funds—are reserved for LMI and tribal households.

Low-Income Assistance - 9.5(b)7

- Merger with IIF allocated \$1 million to be paid in equal installments over 5 years to support enhancements to EPE's low-income energy efficiency programs
- The first payment of \$200K was not spent in 2020 due to COVID
- August 2021 - EPE's EE met with the City's Sustainability Coordinator and Community and Human Development
- EPE and City of El Paso are working together on identifying projects and payment processes
- Energy Efficiency Enhancements:
 - Roofing, HVAC, evaporative coolers, ceiling insulation, windows

Clean Transportation - Partnership

- **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Partnership with City of El Paso**
 - 8/6/21: Walking tour of downtown scheduled by EPE with City of El Paso, Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority and Downtown Management District to identify sites
 - Pending El Paso's ADA requirements so EPE can begin design process on selected sites
 - 8/19/21: Presented to Uptown Benefit Parking District Advisory Committee to identify sites in Cincinnati District



Clean Transportation - Partnership (cont.)

- **El Paso Airport Fleet**

- September 2021: EPE prepared a Total Cost of Ownership Model (TCOM) for the Airport's fleet electrification
- City's Community and Human Development Department will schedule a meeting between EPE and the Airport to present the TCOM study
- EPE is prepared to assist the City with a TCOM, or any assistance requested, once it's ready to proceed with electrification of its fleet



APPENDIX

Capacity Additions	2021	2024	2025	2027	2031	2035	2040	2045
Least-Cost Case + REA Resources	46 MW Demand Response 18 MW Solar	228 MW Gas Combustion Turbine 270 MW Solar 50 MW Battery Storage 8 MW Demand Response 47 MW BTM Solar	203 MW Wind 159 MW Solar 126 MW Battery Storage 3 MW Demand Response 15 MW BTM Solar	1 MW Battery Storage 5 MW demand response 29 MW BTM Solar	251 MW Solar 283 MW Battery Storage 10 MW Demand Response 57 MW BTM Solar	141 MW Gas Combustion Turbine 689 MW Solar 607 MW Battery Storage 10 MW Demand Response 56 MW BTM Solar	134 MW Gas Combustion Turbine 28 MW Wind 306 MW Solar 179 MW Battery Storage 13 MW Demand Response 68 MW BTM Solar	108 MW Gas Combustion Turbine 69 MW Wind 624 MW Solar 487 MW Battery Storage 78 MW BTM Solar
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- BTM Solar – Behind the Meter Solar, meaning that BTM Solar is produced behind a customer's meter (e.g., roof-top solar)
- Demand Response - Programs that ask consumers to lower their energy use during peak hours or events that limit the system's overall capacity



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City Attorney's Office, Lupe Cuellar, (915) 212-0033

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Discussion, update, and action on the 87th Texas Legislative Special Sessions for the 87th Legislature.

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

AGENDA DATE: October 11, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Not applicable

CONTACT PERSON(S): Lupe Cuellar, cuellarg@elpasotexas.gov

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6. Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management

SUBGOAL: Sub-goal 6.8: Support transparent and inclusive government

SUBJECT:

Discussion, update, and action on the 87th Texas Legislative Special Sessions for the 87th Legislature.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The 87th Texas Legislative Regular Session, first Special Session, and second Special Session called by the Governor have ended. A third special session has been called and is currently in session to redraw political maps for the next 10 years as well as consider other items identified by the Governor. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide City Council additional information concerning this special legislative session and any future legislative sessions that may be held so that City Council may, if needed, provide additional direction to the legislative team.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On September 13, 2021, City Council received an end of second special session update and information regarding the second special session. Prior to that, in the fall of 2020, City Council approved its State Legislative Agenda for the 87th Legislative Session; this is the document that guides the legislative team throughout the regular and special sessions.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? ☒ YES ☐ NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:


Elizabeth Triggs, Interim Director, Economic & International
Development



87th Texas Legislature

October 11, 2021 City Council Presentation



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, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People



Alignment with the Strategic Plan

- Goal 6: Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management
 - Goal 6.4: Support transparent and inclusive government

UPDATE ON THIRD SPECIAL SESSION AND FUTURE SPECIAL SESSIONS

Governor identified 7 items he wanted addressed.

1. Legislation identical to Senate Bill 29 as passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, disallowing a student from competing in University Interscholastic League athletic competitions designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth.

SB 3 relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex, passed in the Senate and was referred it to Public Education House Committee.

HB 25 relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex, passed in House Constitutional Rights and Remedies Committee.

2. Legislation providing additional property-tax relief for Texans.

SB 1 relating to a temporary reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and the form of the ballot proposition to be used in an election to approve a tax rate adopted by a school district that exceeds the district's voter-approval tax rate; making an appropriation, passed in the Senate and was heard in the House Committee but left pending.

Bills cont.



3. Legislation similar to Senate Bill 474 as passed by 87th Legislature, Regular Session, but that addresses the concerns expressed in the governor's veto statement.

SB 5 Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog; creating a criminal offense. Passed in the Senate. Senator Blanco is a co-author of the bill. The bill passed in the House Committee.

4. Legislation proposing a constitutional amendment to further protect the safety of the community, law enforcement, and victims, from accused criminals who may be released on bail, including by giving magistrates the discretion to deny bail under some circumstances to people accused of certain violent, sexual, or trafficking offenses.

SJR 1 Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring a judge or magistrate to impose the least restrictive conditions of bail that may be necessary and authorizing the denial of bail under some circumstances to a person accused of a violent or sexual offense or of continuous trafficking of persons. This bill passed in the Senate and House Committee.

5. Legislation regarding whether any state or local governmental entities in Texas can mandate that an individual receive a COVID-19 vaccine and, if so, what exemptions should apply to such mandate.

Bills filed but no movement

6. Legislation providing appropriations from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Pub. L. No. 117-2.

SB 2 Relating to an appropriation of certain federal coronavirus relief money for paying down the state's unemployment insurance debt was left pending in the Senate Committee.

SB 8 Relating to making appropriations of certain federal coronavirus relief money, was left pending in the Senate Committee.

Bills cont.



SB 8 Appropriates **\$16.3 B** from ARPA -- **\$15.8 B** from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and another **\$500.5 M** from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund:

- **\$7.2 B** to replenish the Unemployment Compensation Fund
- **\$3 B** to deploy hospital surge staffing, purchase therapeutic drugs, and support regional infusion centers
- **\$3.7 B** to cover salaries and benefits for state employees directly working on pandemic response
- **\$500.5 M** for broadband expansion
- **\$500 M** for construction projects at institutions of higher education
- **\$300 M** for a State Operations Center to aid the state in disaster response
- **\$200 M** to bolster cybersecurity
- **\$160 M** to shore up funding for organizations serving sexual assault survivors and other crime victims
- **\$286 M** to the Teacher Retirement System to cover COVID-related health claims
- **\$237.8 M** for new state psychiatric hospital in Dallas
- **\$113 M** to the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium
- **\$100 M** to support Texas food banks

Redistricting Maps

SB 4 Relating to the composition of districts for the election of members of the Texas Senate.

Passed in the Senate

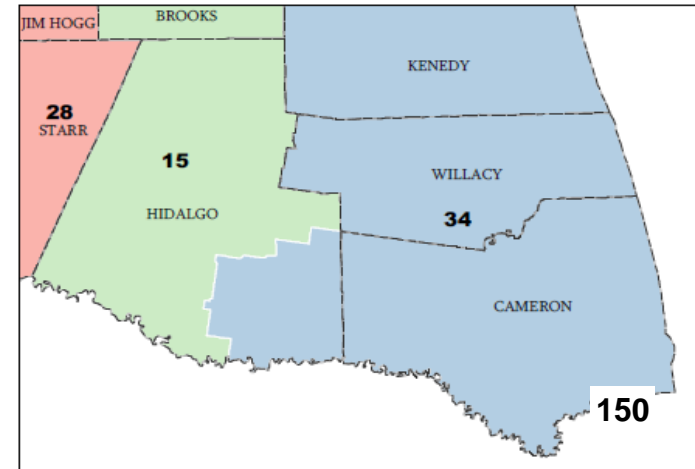
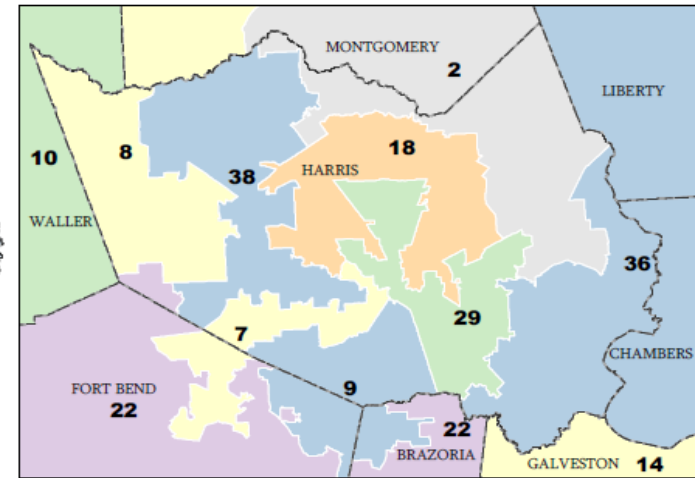
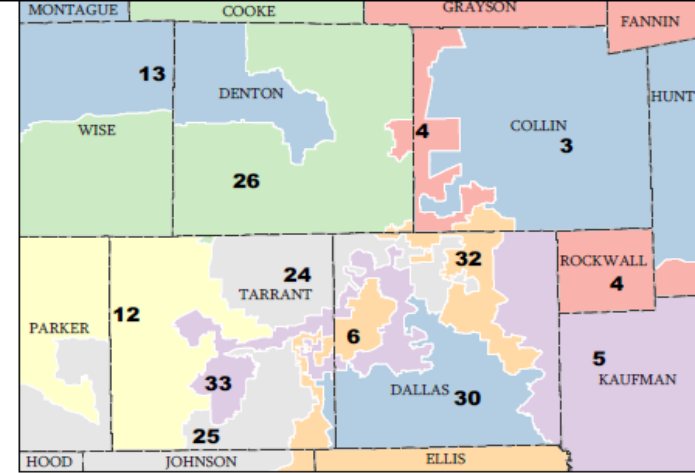
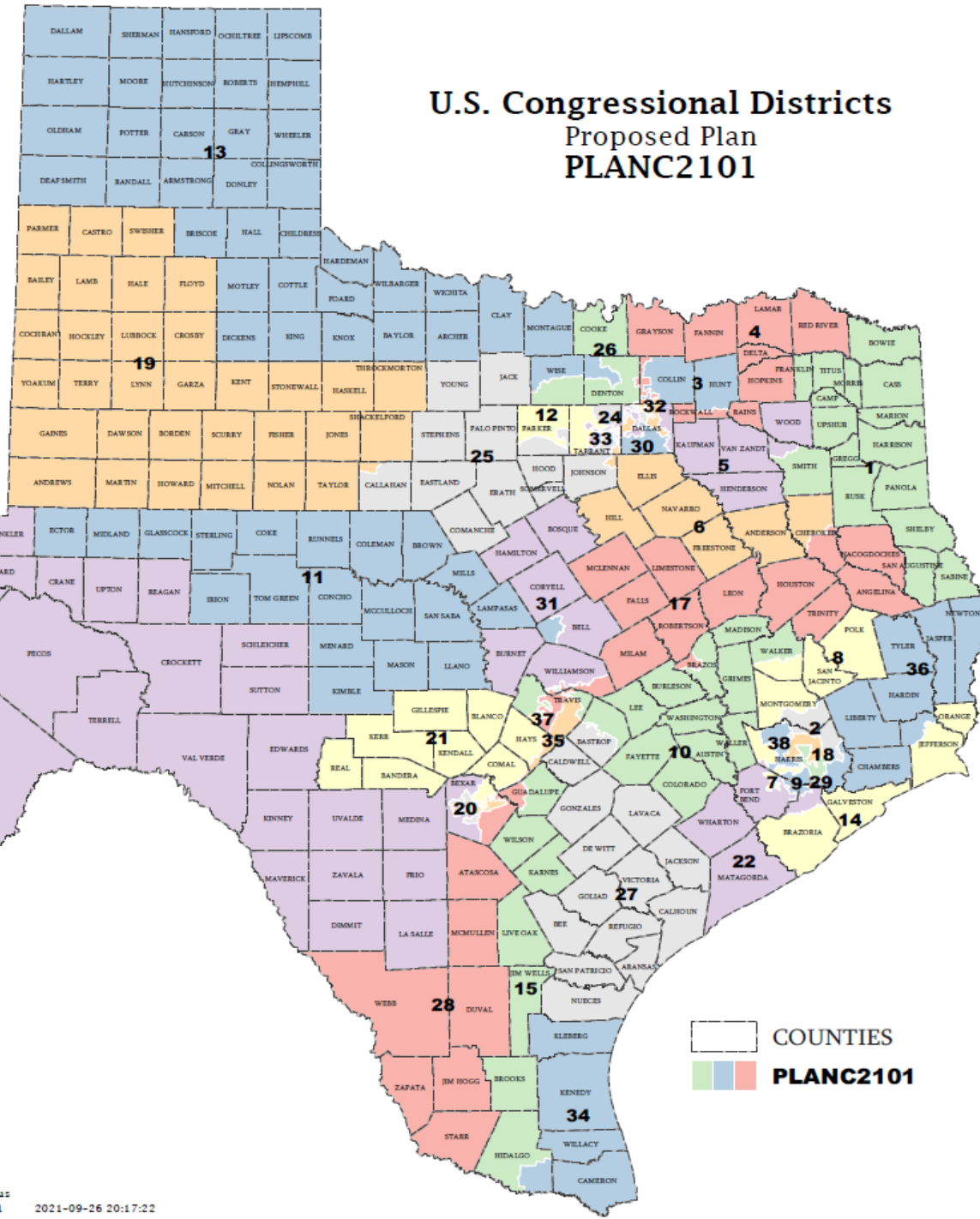
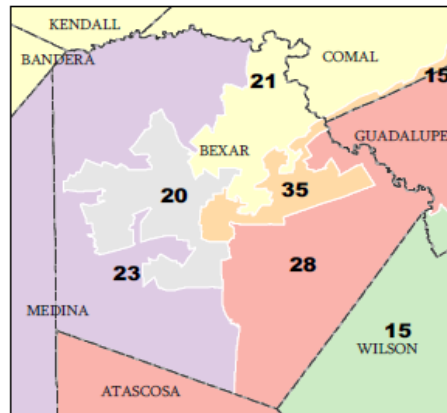
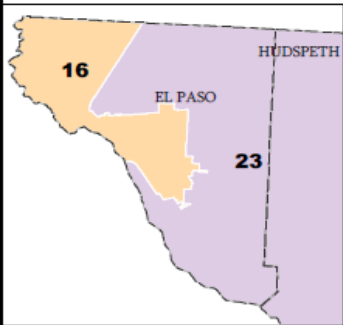
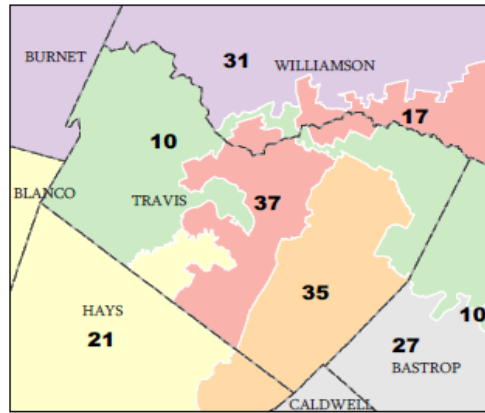
SB 6 Relating to the composition of the districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives from the State of Texas.

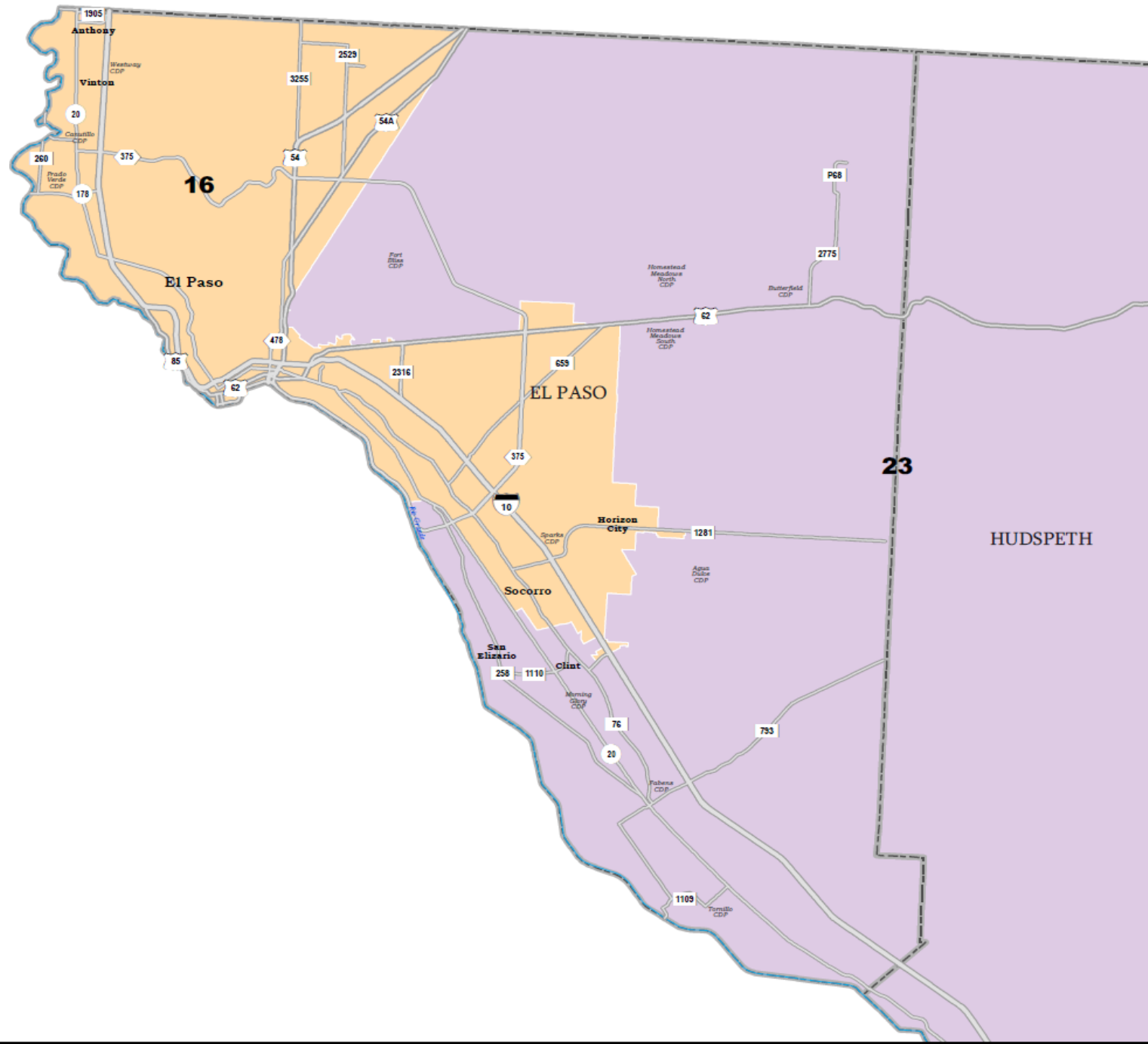
Passed in the Senate Committee. Removes Ft. Bliss and El Paso International Airport from Current District

Moves Ft. Bliss into a Congressional District that already has 2 military installations

Considered on Senate Floor on Friday

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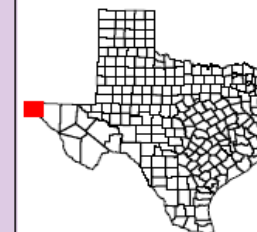


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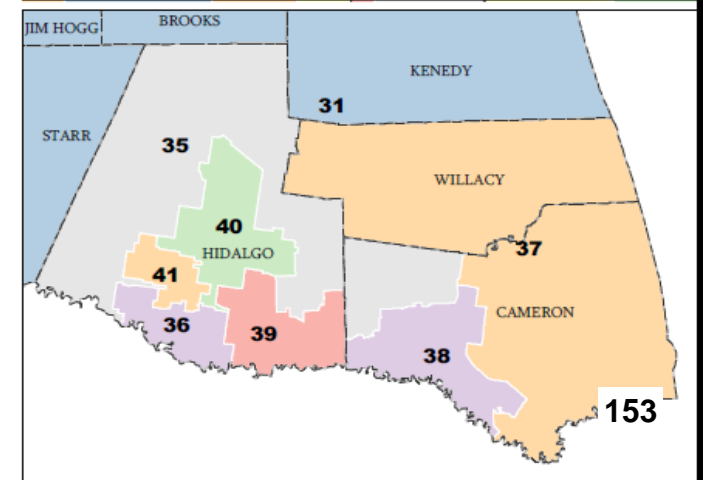
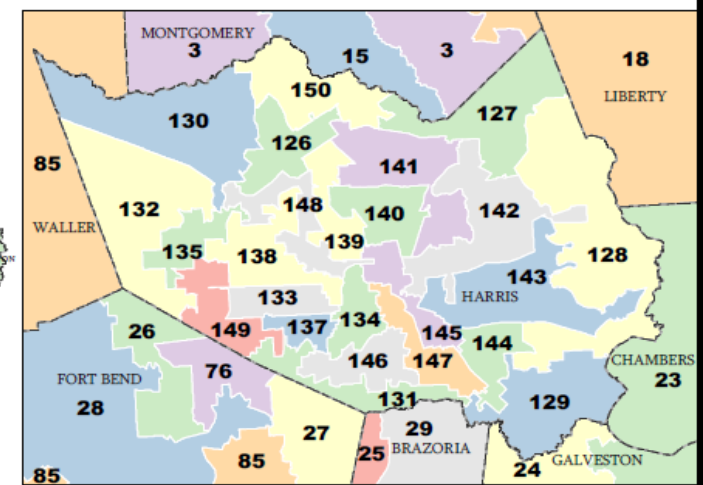
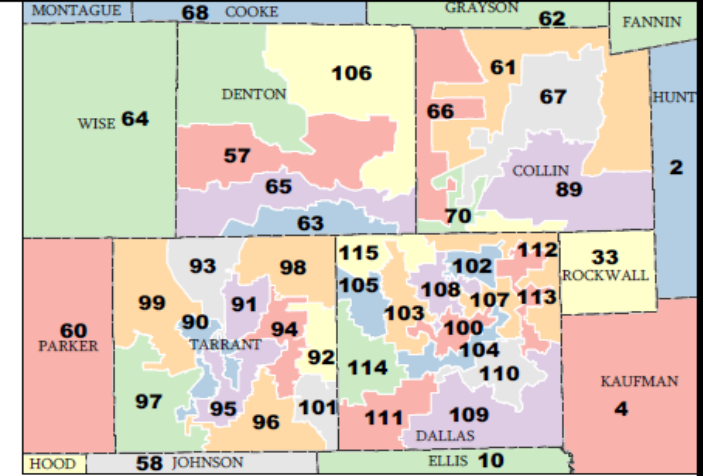
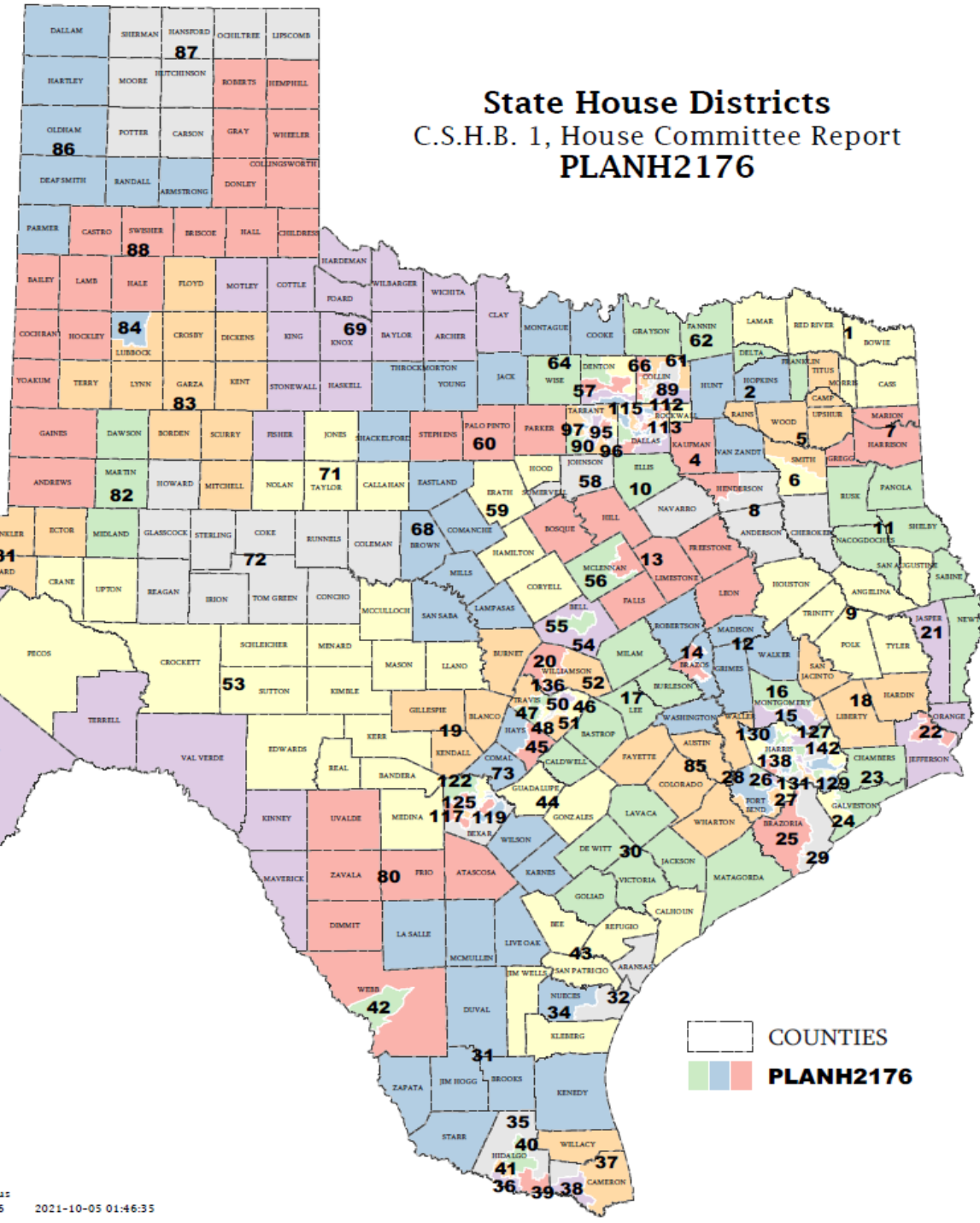
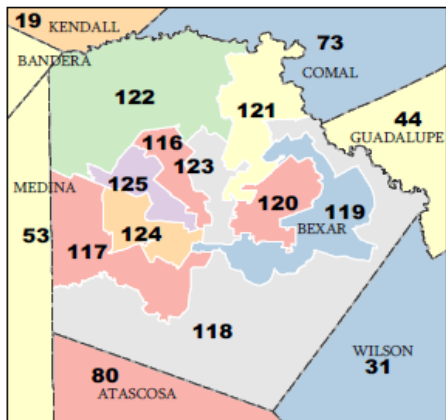
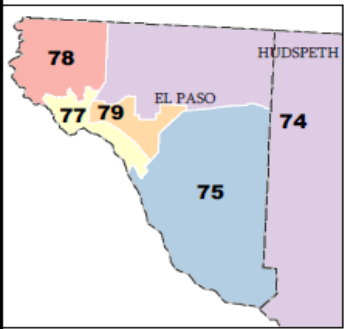
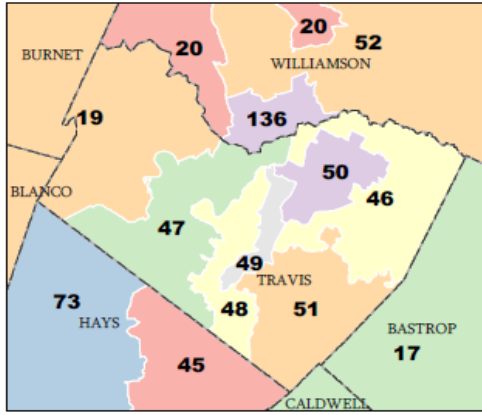
HB 1 Relating to the composition of districts for the election of members of the Texas House of Representatives.

Considered in House Committee and Committee Substitute voted out.

CSHB 1

- Puts Ft. Bliss and El Paso International Airport into Rep. Fierro's District
- Reduces El Paso's representation from 5 districts to 4
- Extends another district, stretching more than 500 miles, into El Paso
- Will be considered on House floor tomorrow

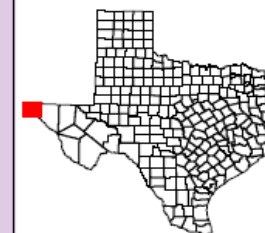
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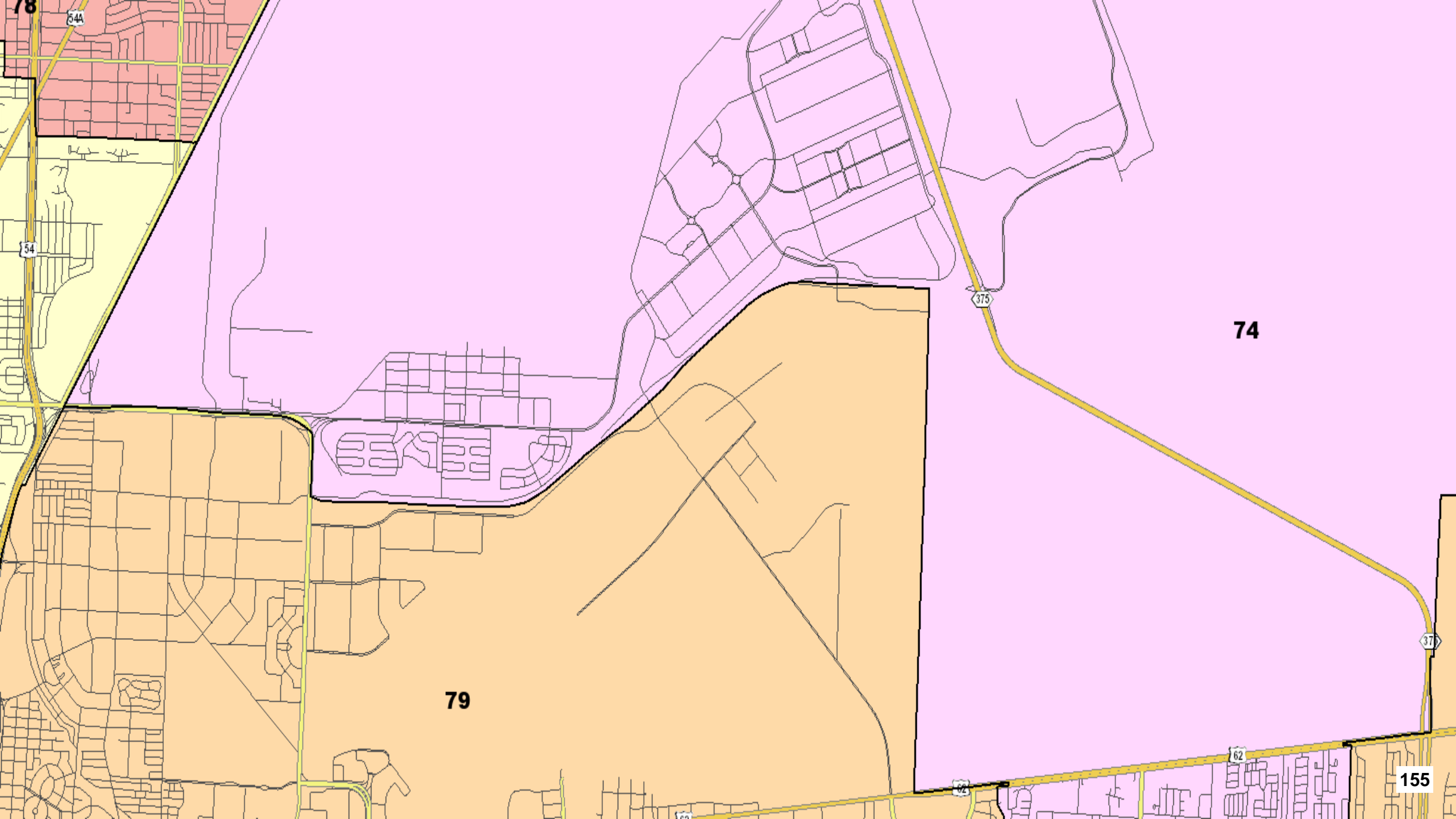
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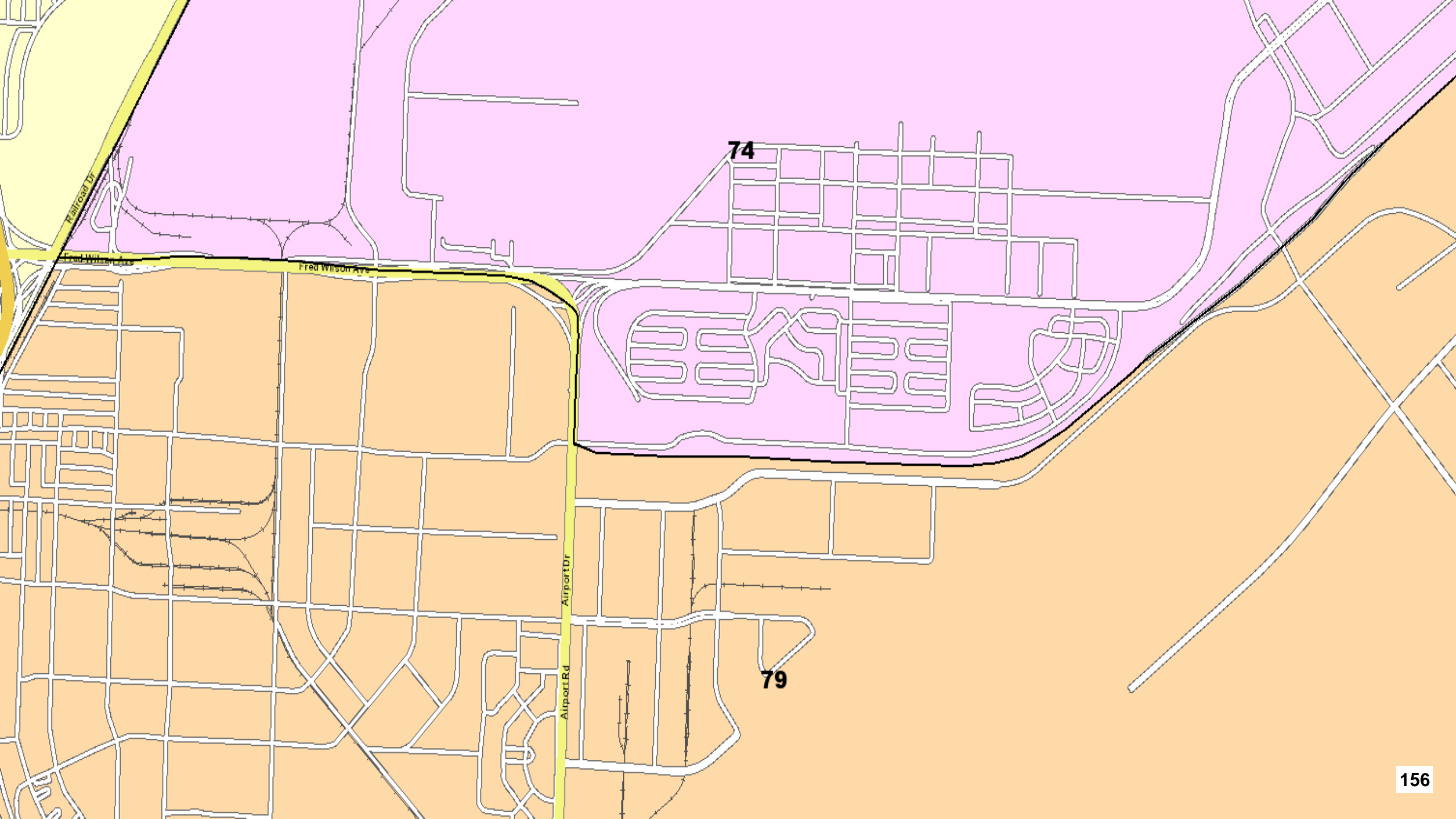
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Members of the City Council, Representative Peter Svarzbein, (915) 212-0001

Members of the City Council, Representative Alessandra Annello, (915) 212-0002

Members of the City Council, Representative Cassandra Hernandez, (915) 212-0003

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Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Council of the City of El Paso urges the Texas 87th Legislature to support El Paso by ensuring Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport remain in Congressional District 16.

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

AGENDA DATE: October 11, 2021

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

City Representative Peter Svarzbein 915-212-0001

City Representative Aleksandra Annello 915-212-0002

City Representative Cassandra Hernandez 915-212-0003

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: (Goal 6 – Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management)
(Subgoal: 6.8 – Support Transparent and Inclusive Government)

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 on a resolution that the City Council of the City of El Paso urges the Texas 87th Legislature to support El Paso by ensuring Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport remain in Congressional District 16.

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?

The City of El Paso and Fort Bliss have a history of strong cooperation ensuring our shared community has access to the services critical to public safety, education, and quality of life and drawing a district boundary that excludes the El Paso International Airport and Fort Bliss from being represented by a Congressional representative who is locally based and understands the needs of these key community assets and the critical role they play in the strength and resilience of our community.

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*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Governor has convened a third special legislative session of the Texas 87th Legislature to consider legislation relating to the apportionment of the State of Texas into districts used to elect members of the Texas House of Representatives, the Texas Senate, the State Board of Education, and the United States House of Representatives, a process known as “redistricting”; and

WHEREAS, redistricting is the revision or replacement of existing electoral districts, resulting in new districts with different geographical boundaries in order to equalize population among electoral districts after publication of the United States decennial census indicates population has increased or decreased over the last decade; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Senate has proposed a redistricting map (“Map”) that would remove Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport (“EPIA”) from District 16, which is an El Paso-based congressional district and place these two vital economic drivers for our community and region in District 23, which is based in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed Map is approved, a significant portion of our City, including a portion of Northeast El Paso, Fort Bliss and the EPIA will be represented by a Congressional delegation member based over 550 miles away as opposed to a member based within the City, familiar with the needs and services of our City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso International Airport, owned and operated by the City of El Paso, is a catalyst for growth and plays an important role in the strength and resilience of our region’s economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, has identified the continued growth and development of the El Paso International Airport as a key strategic objective, successfully engaging in public-private partnerships that result in the development of airport land, including the construction of a \$150 million distribution center, bringing 950 new jobs to the region, and generating over \$48 million in revenue to the Airport over the next 50 years; and

WHEREAS, \$3.3 billion of goods moved through the Airport’s Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 and \$542 million of merchandise was exported from this Zone to other countries in 2020 alone, and further, Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 is directly responsible for 2,055 jobs; and

WHEREAS, with an average of 47 departures per day and an annual 3.5 million throughput in total passenger traffic, the airport facilitates tourism and provides local businesses with access to the global market; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bliss has a \$4 billion impact on the local economy, directly employs over 47,000 people and indirectly employs another nearly 84,000, making Fort Bliss the single largest employer in the El Paso region, contributing to the livelihood of at least 1 in 5 people in El Paso; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, there were nearly 38,000 active duty family members that reside in the El Paso region where they live, work, and play, while an additional 3,000 soldiers released from active duty decided to make El Paso their permanent home; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso and Fort Bliss have a history of strong cooperation ensuring our shared community has access to the services critical to public safety, education, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, drawing a district boundary that excludes the El Paso International Airport and Fort Bliss from being represented by a Congressional representative who is locally based and understands the needs of these key community assets and the critical role they play in the strength and resilience of our community;

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

The City Council of the City of El Paso urges the Texas 87th Legislature to support El Paso by ensuring Fort Bliss and the El Paso International Airport remain in Congressional District 16.

PASSED and APPROVED this _____ of _____, 2021

THE CITY OF EL PASO

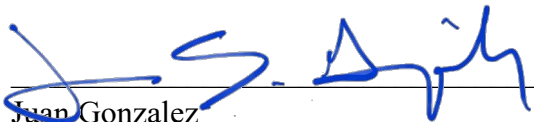
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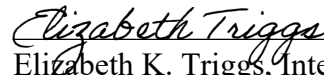
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Application of El Paso Electric Company to Implement a Fuel Surcharge. Public Utilities Commission of Texas
Docket No. 52581. Matter No. 21-1008-180 (551.071)



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Update of Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates, Public Utility Commission of Texas
Docket No. 52195. Matter No. 21-1008-174 (551.071)



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Economic Development Department, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0095

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Update on Economic Incentives for Manufacturing Company to be located in the City of El Paso. Matter No. 21-1007-2740. (551.071) (551.072) (551.087)