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Tommy Gonzalez City Manager

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

March 14, 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL AND VIRTUALLY 9:05 AM THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE USE OF MASKS IN ALL CITY FACILITIES AND INDOOR SPACES

Teleconference phone number 1-915-213-4096 Toll free number: 1-833-664-9267 Conference ID: 607-487-910#

Notice is hereby given that a Work Session of the City Council of the City of El Paso will be conducted on March 14, 2022 at 9:05 A.M. Members of the public may view the meeting via the following means:

Via the City's website. http://www.elpasotexas.gov/videos Via television on City15, YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofelpasotx/videos

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

Representatives Peter Svarzbein and Alexsandra Annello

A quorum of City Council must participate in the meeting.

<u>AGENDA</u>

- 1. Presentation and discussion by the COVID-19 Response and Recovery <u>22-284</u> Cross-Functional Team providing information on key activities, efforts, and processes.
 - 1. Overview (Tommy Gonzalez)
 - 2. City Attorney Overview (Karla Nieman)
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 - a) Health Focus (Hector Ocaranza, M.D.)
 - b) Data Analysis (David Coronado)
 - 4. City Manager Wrap-up (Tommy Gonzalez)

All Districts

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

 Discussion and action on the approval of the Department of Aviation's, El Paso International Airport (EPIA), five-year capital improvement plan (FY2022 through FY2026) in the estimated total projects cost amount of \$177,966,294, and to authorize the City Manager to make all necessary budget transfers prior to the execution of the projects.

All Districts

Airport, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-7301

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All Districts

Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1619 Airport, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-1815

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insight into carbon reduction strategies; and (iii) deploying one or more microarid demonstration projects, including but not limited to a proposed project at the El Paso International Airport, that leverages renewable energy and energy storage needs.

All Districts

Economic and International Development, Karina Brasgalla, (915) 212-1570 Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1619

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Representatives Peter Svarzbein and Alexsandra Annello

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 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS Section 551.073 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:

EX1.	Application of El Paso Electric Company to Change Rates, Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 52195. Matter No. 21-1008-174 (551.071) City Attorney's Office, Frances Engelbaum, (915) 212-0033	<u>22-305</u>
EX2.	Economic Incentives for a Mixed-Use Development located in the City of El Paso. Matter No. 21-1007-2803 (551.087)	<u>22-296</u>
	Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0095	
EX3.	Discussion on potential economic development opportunities in NE El Paso. Matter No. 22-1007-2864 (551.072) (551.087)	<u>22-299</u>
	Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-0095	

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CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS LEGISTAR AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT, CONTACT INFORMATION:

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All Districts

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

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

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

AGENDA DATE: March 14, 2022

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 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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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All Districts Airport, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-7301

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

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Discussion and action on the approval of the Department of Aviation's, El Paso International Airport (EPIA), five-year capital improvement plan (FY2022 through FY2026) in the estimated total projects cost amount of \$177,966,294, and to authorize the City Manager to make all necessary budget transfers prior to the execution of the projects.

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

March 14, 2022 **AGENDA DATE:**

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Sam Rodriguez, P.E., CM, Director of Aviation 915-212-7301

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: No. 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development

No. 3: Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

No. 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

SUBGOAL:

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Department of Aviation's, El Paso International Airport (EPIA), five-year capital improvement plan (FY2022 through FY2026) in the estimated total projects cost amount of \$177,966,294, and to authorize the City Manager to make all necessary budget transfers prior to the execution of the projects.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

This item requests the approval of EPIA's updated five year capital improvement program and estimated total projects cost of \$177,966,294 to be funded with various funding sources noted below.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

The current CIP was approved May 11, 2021.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Federal Aviation Administration Grants - \$52,902,178 Passenger Facility Charge Fees - \$20,605,190 Other (OTA, CFC, CARES) - \$15,498,000 U.S. Department of Transportation Supplementary - \$6,333,333 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - \$27,627,032 Airport Enterprise Fund - \$55,000,561

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:	Aviation
SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:	

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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

That the El Paso City Council approved the list of projects on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, totaling approximately \$177,966,294.00, which updates the document known as the "El Paso International Airport Proposed Five Year Capital Improvement Plan," as the established list of Airport Capital Improvement Program projects for FY 2022 through FY 2026 and the use of the identified funding sources and that the City Manager be authorized to make all necessary budget transfers prior to the execution of the projects.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Josette Flores Senior Assistant City Attorney

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Samuel Rodriguez, P.E. Director of Aviation

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All Districts

Economic and International Development, Elizabeth Triggs, (915) 212-1619 Airport, Sam Rodriguez, (915) 212-1815

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

AGENDA DATE: March 14, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Elizabeth K Triggs, TriggsEK@elpasotexas.gov, Sam Rodriguez, RodriguezS3@elpasotexas.gov

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: No. 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development.

SUBGOAL: No. 1.1: Stabilize and expand El Paso's tax base.

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action requesting City Council support for submission of the application entitled "Reclaiming Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Dominance through Frontier Technologies" to Phase II of the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge by the West Texas Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Coalition, led by the University of Texas at El Paso's Aerospace Center and of which the City of El Paso is a part.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On March 11, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed the American Recovery Plan Act into law and appropriated \$3 billion in supplemental funding to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future shocks. Funding became available across six programs, including the \$1 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge. The Challenge is designed as a two-phase competition to (1) help regions develop transformational economic development strategies and (2) fund the implementation of those strategies that will create and grow regional growth clusters through a collection of collaborative, aligned projects designed to grow new industries and scale existing ones.

In mid-October, City Council supported the City's participation in the West Texas Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Coalition led by UTEP's Aerospace Center, and the submission of the Coalition's application, title "Reclaiming Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Dominance through Frontier Technologies" to Phase I of the Build Back Better Regional Challenge. The application seeks to reinvent West Texas' historical roots in manufacturing to help close America's gap in aerospace and defense manufacturing capabilities by bringing new competitive U.S. entrants into the defense industrial ecosystem and by building design teams and manufacturing skills critical to reclaiming America's aerospace and defense manufacturing dominance. One of the component projects that the City will take the lead on developing is the El Paso Makes Advanced Manufacturing District, a 250-acre area that will be dedicated and master planned by the City to co-locate aerospace, defense, and advanced manufacturing activities at the El Paso International Airport.

On December 13, 2021, from a pool of 529 applicants, the U.S. Department of Commerce and Economic Development Administration announced the West Texas Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Coalition was selected as one of 60 coalitions nationwide awarded Phase I funding under the Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Challenge. The City was sub-awarded \$240,000 to facilitate pre-construction activities for the Innovation Factory and Advanced Manufacturing Campus to be located at the El Paso International Airport. This presentation provides an update on those planning activities and seeks City Council approval for submission of the Phase II application to secure funding for construction of the planned projects, including the Innovation Factory and Advanced Manufacturing Campus. The EDA will award 20 to 30 of the selected 60 regional coalitions up to \$100 million to implement 3 to 7 projects to support growth of the chosen regional industry cluster.

Revised 04/09/2021

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On October 12, 2021, City Council unanimously voted to approve the City's participation as a member of the West Texas Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Coalition, led by the University of Texas at El Paso's Aerospace Center and providing support for the Coalition's submission of its application, "Reclaiming Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing Dominance through Frontier Technologies to Phase I of the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC).

On March 1, 2022 City Council unanimously voted to approve an overview of the proposal for Phase II of the BBRC, to include the City's proposed component project of constructing the Advanced Manufacturing Campus and the Innovation Hub.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? _x_YES ___NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Economic & International Development **SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:** El Paso International Airport

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

<u>Clizabeth Triggs</u> Elizabeth Triggs,

Interim Director, Economic & International Development



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All Districts

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Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Manager be authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of El Paso, El Paso Chamber, El Paso Electric Company, the University of Texas at El Paso, and General Motors, LLC to collaborate and work together on three energy initiatives, including: (i) Electric Vehicle DC Fast Charging deployment for the intra-city region of El Paso; (ii) developing short-interval carbon tracking for approximately thirty local businesses in the El Paso region that would provide insight into carbon reduction strategies; and (iii) deploying one or more microgrid demonstration projects, including but not limited to a proposed project at the El Paso International Airport, that leverages renewable energy and energy storage needs.

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

AGENDA DATE: March 14, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Karina Brasgalla (915) 212-1570

Elizabeth Triggs (915) 212-1619

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development.

SUBGOAL: Goal 1.1: Stabilize and expand El Paso's tax base.

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BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City, in partnership with the Chamber, El Paso Electric Company, UTEP's Aerospace Center, and GM will participate in planning and analysis of three projects for the El Paso region: (1) Electric Vehicle DC Fast Charging (EV DCFC) deployment; (2) Short-interval carbon tracking for approximately thirty (30) local businesses; and (3) A technical feasibility study for proposed microgrid projects, including a proposed project at the El Paso International Airport. The three projects will advance the region's clean energy initiatives, ensure equity and inclusion in the region's energy transition, and modernize and achieve increased resiliency of energy infrastructure located within the El Paso region.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? _X_YES ___NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Economic and International Development **SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:** El Paso International Airport

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Eizabeth Triggs

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso (City) and the El Paso Chamber (EPC) are seeking to advance their clean energy initiatives, ensure equity and inclusion in the region's energy transition, and modernize and achieve increased resiliency of energy infrastructure located within the El Paso region; and

WHEREAS, the City and the EPC recognize that the improved availability of regional electric vehicle charging infrastructure, development of carbon tracking mechanisms, and deployment of microgrids assist the region with advancing those initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso Electric Company (EPE) and General Motors LLC (GM) have expertise in a variety of areas vital to the success of these projects; and

WHEREAS, UTEP's department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering program has faculty advisors and students that would like to participate in educational activities and learnings relative to a potential microgrid project at the El Paso International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the City, EPC, EPE, UTEP, and GM intend to collaborate and work together on three key projects that will advance the region's clean energy initiatives, ensure equitability in the energy transition, and achieve increased resiliency in the El Paso region's energy infrastructure;

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

THAT the City Manager be authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City, El Paso Chamber, El Paso Electric Company, the University of Texas at El Paso, and General Motors LLC to collaborate and work together on (i)_ Electric Vehicle DC Fast Charging deployment for the intra-city region of El Paso; (ii) developing short-interval carbon tracking for approximately thirty local businesses in the El Paso region that would provide insight into carbon reduction strategies; and (iii) deploying one or more microgrid demonstration projects, including but not limited to a proposed project at the El Paso International Airport, that leverage renewable energy and energy storage assets.

APPROVED this ______ day of ______ 2022.

(signatures on following page)

CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Evy Sotelo Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT

Clizabeth Triggs Elizabeth Triggs, Interim Director Economic & International Development

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Among The City of El Paso El Paso Chamber El Paso Electric Company The University of Texas at El Paso General Motors LLC

This Memorandum of Understanding (this "Agreement" or "MOU") is entered into as of the ______ day of March 2022, between the City of El Paso, El Paso Chamber (hereinafter referred to as "*EPEC*"), El Paso Electric Company (hereinafter referred to as "*EPEC*"), the University of Texas at El Paso (hereinafter referred to as "*UTEP*") on behalf of its Aerospace Center, and General Motors LLC (hereinafter referred to as "*GM*"). These organizations shall collectively be referred to as the "*Parties*" and individually referred to as a "*Party*."

Recitals

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso and the EPC are seeking to advance their clean energy initiatives, ensure equity and inclusion in the region's energy transition for the region, as well as modernize and achieve increased resiliency of energy infrastructure located within their region;

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso and the EPC recognize that improved availability of regional electric vehicle charging infrastructure, carbon tracking mechanisms and deployment of microgrids assist the region with advancing those initiatives;

WHEREAS, the EPEC is a local utility company in the City of El Paso that has expertise in the areas of renewable energy operations and energy services, electricity transmission and distribution operations and distributed energy resources grid management, smart grid applications, and billing and metering;

WHEREAS, UTEP's department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering program has faculty advisors and students that would like to participate in educational activities and learnings relative to a potential microgrid project at the El Paso International Airport by helping to develop a digital twin that would support simulation of alternative designs;

WHEREAS, GM has expertise in the areas of smart charging, electric mobility, telematics vehicle data, distributed energy resources, customer experience and customer engagement;

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, EPC, EPEC and GM intend to collaborate and work together on (i) Electric Vehicle DC Fast Charging ("*EV DCFC*") deployment for the intra-city region of El Paso; and (ii) developing short-interval carbon tracking for approximately thirty (30) local businesses in the EL Paso region that would provide insight into carbon reduction strategies ("*Carbon Footprint Analysis*"); and the Parties further intend to collaborate and work on deploying one or more microgrid demonstration projects, including but not limited to a proposed project at the El Paso International Airport, that leverage renewable energy and energy storage assets (collectively referred to as the "*Purpose*").

Agreement

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to the following:

1. Binding Nature.

Except for <u>Section 3</u>, which shall be binding on the Parties in accordance with its terms, this MOU is for discussion purposes, only, and does not constitute a legally binding or enforceable agreement or commitment on any Party, and no Party shall have any obligation or liability until the Parties have executed a definitive agreement relating to the Purpose.

2. Nonbinding Understandings.

a. Anticipated Activities.

- (i) <u>EV DCFC</u>. The City of El Paso, EPC, EPEC and GM (the "*Project Team*") intend to work together to collaboratively develop analysis to expand the scope of the EV DCFC charging network for the El Paso region, specifically focusing on placement of EV DCFCs in low-income communities to support an equitable transition to electric vehicles. Under this effort, the Project Team anticipates that it will conduct the following:
 - 1) Develop a document outlining an execution plan and roles/responsibilities;
 - 2) Outputs of GM's vehicle telematics platform "Zeus" will be shared with the City of El Paso to determine the optimal placement of DCFC;
 - 3) Coordinate to create a prioritized list of DCFC locations based on Zeus data and specifically filtered to focus on equity;
 - 4) Informed by the prioritization analysis, and understanding of funding opportunities at the time, the team will provide conceptual layouts/designs and budgetary cost estimates; and
 - 5) Identify risks and a mitigation plan that is closely coordinated with EPEC.
- (ii) <u>Carbon Footprint Analysis</u>. The Project Team intends to coordinate on developing short-interval carbon tracking for approximately thirty (30) local businesses in the EL Paso region that would provide insight into carbon reduction strategies. Under this effort, the Project Team anticipates that it will conduct the following:
 - 1) Deployment of e-meters for the City of El Paso's Manufacturing Innovation Network; and
 - 2) Collection and analysis of energy data for fleets and building suppliers will be supported by the Project Team.

- (iii) <u>Microgrid Project(s)</u>. The Parties intend to enter into a six (6) month feasibility study (the "*Feasibility Study Period*"), which the Parties intend to coordinate to perform a technical feasibility study for microgrids, including a proposed project at the El Paso International Airport, with a specific focus on using novel Vehicle to Grid (V2G) and Vehicle to Building (V2B) functionalities of future electric vehicle fleets. These technologies, along with existing and new renewable generation sources, hydrogen fuel cell technologies, conventional generation technologies, and energy storage will be investigated to inform the conceptual design of microgrids. During the Feasibility Study Period, the Parties anticipate that they will conduct the following:
 - 1) Develop a project scope document which will form the roles and responsibilities of the Parties, collect background information on potential project sites, identify and assess known risks, and define detailed goals and requirements of any potential project;
 - 2) Develop conceptual designs and proposed operating modes, for normal grid-tied operation and emergency outage operation, for potential project sites for any proposed microgrid projects;
 - 3) Define detailed project budgets and cost-sharing opportunities;
 - 4) Develop commercial agreements to enable a transition to the design, construction, and commissioning stage;
 - 5) Coordinate, as needed, to enable the development of a digital twin of the microgrid efforts. This digital twin will provide essential insights into the future design and provide additional confidence in the ultimate deployment of hardware;
 - 6) Contribute resources to define the interconnection processes and other major design considerations for integration of EVs, fuel cells, and other advanced energy and transportation technologies; and
 - 7) Development of future markets for EVs and fuel cells, develop facilities and capabilities to facilitate EVs, hydrogen fuel cell and other advanced mobility technologies research and education.
- b. <u>Definitive Agreements</u>. The Parties anticipate that they would enter into one or more definitive agreements (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "*Definitive Agreements*") to:
 - (i) Expand the EV DCFC charging network for the El Paso region;
 - (ii) Develop the Carbon Footprint Analysis; and
 - (iii) Deploy one or more microgrid projects.

3. Binding Provisions.

- a. <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. Except as otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, each Party shall be responsible for all of its costs and expenses associated with actions in furtherance of the Purpose, including without limitation (i) the performance of its obligations under this MOU, (ii) conducting any due diligence investigation, and (iii) drafting and negotiating any definitive agreement relating to the Purpose.
- b. Confidentiality & Publicity. The terms and conditions of this MOU, including any

discussions in furtherance of the Purpose shall be held as confidential by all Parties. Further, the Parties each agree that they will coordinate with all other Parties prior to making any public disclosure, issuance of any press release, or any other public statement, or otherwise communicate with the media or any governmental entity, concerning this MOU. Notwithstanding the forgoing, no Party shall use any service mark or trademark of any other Party without their prior written consent.

- c. <u>Governing Law</u>. This MOU shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas, U.S.A., without regard to the conflict of laws principles thereof. Any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or related to this MOU shall be instituted exclusively in the state or federal courts of Texas, as applicable, and the Parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in any such suit, action, or proceeding, and waive any claim related to venue or lack of personal jurisdiction.
- d. <u>Agreement Modification</u>. Any modification to the terms of this Agreement shall be valid only if the change is made in a writing signed by authorized representatives of all of the Parties.
- e. <u>Counterparts</u>. This MOU may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. A signed copy of this MOU delivered by e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this MOU, to the extent permitted by the applicable law.
- f. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This MOU is the complete agreement of the Parties and supersedes all prior understandings regarding the Purpose.

[Signature Page Immediately Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this MOU to be executed by their duly authorized representatives, effective as of the Effective Date.

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EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY By:	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO By:
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