

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

DEPARTMENT: International Bridges

AGENDA DATE: July 12, 2016

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Mathew McElroy, Director of the International Bridges
Department, (915) 533-7428

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All districts

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action that the City Manager be authorized to provide written notification to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to renew the Section 560 Annex between the City and CBP for the period beginning on October 1, 2016 and ending on December 18, 2018, to allow for the reimbursement of additional CBP staffing hours to reduce wait times at the City's ports of entry.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

In order to continue with Section 560 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 which establishes a partnership between CBP and the City to generate alternative funding sources to pay for additional CBP staff hours during peak travel times to reduce wait times, the City must approve and authorize the additional period term to the program.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Agreement approved by City Council on December 3rd, 2013.
January 26, 2014 was the program start date.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Program has been funded by bridge toll increase of \$ 0.50 cents that took effect on January 26, 2014. Revenue from the increased tolls is covering expenditures, as projected, making the program self-sufficient.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mathew McElroy

Name

Signature

Date



City Manager's Office

July 12, 2016

Mayor

Oscar Leeser

City Council

District 1

Peter Svarzbein

District 2

Jim Tolbert

District 3

Emma Acosta

District 4

Carl L. Robinson

District 5

Dr. Michiel R. Noe

District 6

Claudia Ordaz

District 7

Lily Limón

District 8

Cortney C. Niland

City Manager

Tommy Gonzalez

Hector A. Mancha
Director, Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection
9400 Viscount Blvd.
El Paso, TX 79925

Dear Mr. Mancha:

In accordance with the Annex to the "Section 560" Reimbursable Fee Agreement between the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the City of El Paso, Texas ("City"), notice is hereby given that the City intends to extend the Annex for the period from October 1, 2016 to December 18, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew McElroy, Director of International Bridges at (915) 533-7428.

Sincerely,

Tomás González
City Manager

Tomás González – City Manager

City 1 | 300 N. Campbell St. | El Paso, Texas 79901 | (915) 212-0023

PL Matter #16-1010-1048/PL Doc #550598/Letter notification to renew P3 Annex - 2016

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RESOLUTION

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

That the City Manager be authorized to provide written notification to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to renew the Section 560 Annex between the City and CBP for the period beginning on October 1, 2016 and ending on December 18, 2018, to allow for the reimbursement of additional CBP staffing hours to reduce wait times at the City's ports of entry.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2016.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

Oscar Leaser
Mayor

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Josette Flores
Assistant City Attorney

Mathew McElroy
Director of International Bridges



Agenda Item 26.3

Renewal of Section 560 Annex between U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Strategic Goal # 1- Create an Environment Conducive
to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development

July 12, 2016

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Section 560 Background

- El Paso chosen as one of five cities to participate in a five-year pilot Public-Private-Partnership Program with Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- City pays for additional service hours through tolls, which were increased by \$0.50 for autos, and \$0.50 per axle for commercial vehicles (January 2014)
- Allows the City to pay for CBP overtime to reduce wait times at Ports of Entry and staff all lanes during peak hours in general
- Agreement approved by City Council on December 3rd, 2013
- Annex renewed 9/23/15 for one year term.



Fares

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Effective March 28, 2015

Class	US DOLLARS		MEXICAN PESOS	
	AMOUNT	EXTRA AXLE	AMOUNT	EXTR AXLE
1	\$3.00	\$1.50	p50.00	p25.00
2	\$8.00	\$4.00	p130.00	p65.00
3	\$12.00	\$4.00	p195.00	p65.00
4	\$16.00	\$4.00	p260.00	p65.00
5	\$20.00	\$4.00	p325.00	p65.00
6	\$24.00	\$4.00	p390.00	p65.00
7	\$8.00	\$4.00	p130.00	p65.00
8	\$3.00	\$0.00	p50.00	p0.00
9	\$0.50	\$0.00	p8.00	p0.00

*NOTE: PESO RATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS

CLASS 1 NON-COMMERCIAL AUTOS/PICKUPS \$3.00
(EXTRA AXLES \$1.50)



CLASS 2 COMMERCIAL 2 AXLE VEHICLES \$8.00
(EXTRA AXLE \$4.00)



CLASS 3 - 6 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES \$4.00 PER AXLE



CLASS 7 BUS OR R.V. \$4.00 PER AXLE



CLASS 8 MOTORCYCLE \$3.00



CLASS 9 PEDESTRIANS \$0.50 per person



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P3's Impact

"The City Council's renewal of the Annex affirms the tangible benefits realized from this public-private partnership in the form of reduced processing times and enhanced services at the Paso Del Norte and Ysleta bridges, said CBP Alternative Funding Programs Director Christopher Sullivan

As of May 28, 2016, the Reimbursable Services Program has accounted for the processing of over 1.5 million travelers at the El Paso port of entry; including 568,000 personally operated vehicles and over 21, 000 commercially operated vehicles.



Requested Council Action

That the City Manager be authorized to provide written notification to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to renew the Section 560 Annex between the City and CBP for an extension to begin on October 1, 2016 and terminate on December 18, 2018 to allow for the reimbursement of additional CBP staffing hours to reduce wait times at the City's ports of entry.



Questions?