

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

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DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvement Department

AGENDA DATE: October 30, 2018

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Sam Rodriguez, P.E., City Engineer, 212-0065

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution that the City Manager be authorized to join, on behalf of the City of El Paso, the El Paso Mobility Coalition and to make expenditures related to membership. The City of El Paso finds that becoming a member of the El Paso Mobility Coalition helps enhance and sustain El Paso's infrastructure Network in accordance to the City of El Paso's strategic goals.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The El Paso Mobility Coalition (EMCo) is a community led initiative housed at the El Paso Chamber. EMCo advocates for highway, transit, and freight rail funding for the El Paso Metropolitan Area. Members include the El Paso Chamber, City of El Paso, transportation construction and supply industry, consulting engineers, and other interested organizations.

SELECTION SUMMARY:

N/A

PROTEST

☐ No protest received for this requirement.

☐ Protest received.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE BRIEFING:

Was a briefing provided? ☐ Yes or ☒ Not Applicable (Routine)
If yes, select the applicable districts.

- ☐ District 1
- ☐ District 2
- ☐ District 3
- ☐ District 4
- ☐ District 5
- ☐ District 6

- ☐ District 7
☐ District 8
☐ All Districts

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:


\$15,000 – to be identified by City Manager

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



RESOLUTION

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

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APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2018.

CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

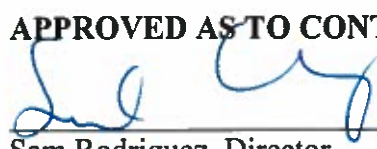
Dee Margo
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Omar A. De La Rosa
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Sam Rodriguez, Director
Capital Improvement Department



El Paso Mobility Coalition (EMCo) Executive Summary

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Purpose:

To identify and advocate for funding of multi-modal transportation solutions for the El Paso Metropolitan Area.

Goals:

- Support the development and implementation of adequate transportation infrastructure solutions for the El Paso Metropolitan Area that will support and promote growth in the El Paso Metropolitan Area.
- Identify and coordinate transportation infrastructure improvements for the El Paso Metropolitan Area in partnership with appropriate government and business entities.
- Utilize all available resources toward leveraging additional local, state, and federal transportation funds.
- To publicize that adequate and sustained local (including private sector donations), state and federal funds are essential for improved mobility.
- To develop broad base support for transportation system improvements.

Without a vibrant transportation system, all sectors of El Paso's economy and quality of life will suffer. Inefficient transportation leads to escalated prices of goods, increased costs of labor and reduced quality of life. By comparison, an efficient system preserves mobility for workers, businesses, residents, emergency responders and tourists – a level of mobility that expands opportunities for commerce, reduces environmental impact and enhances freedom of movement. Additionally, proper transportation planning and advocacy help steer development and transform underperforming areas of a community.

It is critical that El Paso fight for its share of transportation infrastructure dollars. Other Texas cities have been successfully doing so for many years. For the future of El Paso, we cannot afford to stand on the sidelines.



Chamber's 2018 – 2020 Transportation Priorities (Proposed)

- MPO – Improved Focus, Responsiveness and Effectiveness in fulfilling its role and obligations for Transportation Planning for the El Paso region
 - New Leadership
 - Inventory of Plan 2040 projects
- Maintain an inventory of priority projects, including:
 - Additional funding for downtown I-10 corridor
 - Medical Center Circulator
 - Northeast Expressway
- Identify and pursue all funding sources (local, state and federal)
- Pursue a “metropolitan” designation for TxDOT’s Western District

Mobility Coalition Governance

EMCo will have both a committee, which will meet quarterly and an executive committee, which will meet on an ad hoc basis. Service on the executive committee will involve a greater time commitment and more active participation in the coalitions’ advocacy. The mobility coalition will operate under the El Paso Chamber and benefit from its 501c3/c6 status.

Executive Committee:

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| • Steve Ortega (Chamber Representative) | • Josh Hunt |
| • Jack Chapman | • Stanley Jobe |
| • Walter Miller | • City Member |
| • Ted Houghton (Chairman) | |
| • Ralph Richards | |