

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

DEPARTMENT: International Bridges Department

AGENDA DATE: Public Hearing: December 10, 2018

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

That the El Paso City Council approved the list of projects on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, totaling approximately \$33,317,287.44, which establishes: 1) the "Comprehensive International Bridges Capital Improvement Program" as the approved list of International Bridges Capital Improvement Program projects for FY 2019 through FY 2023 and 2) 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.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Starting in the summer of 2015, a new approach was taken by the City of El Paso's International Bridges Department as a first step to leverage the bridges for economic development purposes. Since then, the International Bridges Department has been managing and facilitating a series of collaborative efforts and projects undertaken by the newly formed Bridges Steering Committee (BSC) dedicated to bridge infrastructure and inspection processing improvements at ports of entry (POE) in the El Paso region by applying Lean Six Sigma methodologies and techniques. This new collaborative has created a venue for all affected regulatory agencies, business groups and other stakeholders to come together and work on the issues negatively impacting the city's ports. Applying Lean Six Sigma methodologies provides all of these stakeholders with an opportunity to build new relationships and form project teams to make multiple improvements at the ports and reduce wait times safely and securely.

The International Bridges Department, working alongside the BSC, has created a comprehensive five-year capital improvements plan to address the infrastructure needs in the region's POE. This CIP addresses critical needs at all ports of entry within the City of El Paso across all modes (commercial traffic, privately owned vehicles and pedestrians) for both north- and south-bound border crossings. Several of those projects are currently underway.

The creation of a comprehensive International Bridges Capital Improvement Program is one of the 20 in 2020 visionary initiatives under the City's Strategic Plan adopted by the El Paso City Council.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

December 3, 2013 – CC approval of the Section 560 "P3" reimbursable fee agreement w/CBP
September 23, 2014 – 1st extension
September 22, 2015 – 2nd extension

July 12, 2016 – CC approval of latest extension through December 18, 2018
February 6, 2018 – BOTA addition to P3 for POE improvement projects

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

1. Funding Source – International Bridges Restricted Fund (3360) – Reimbursable Fee Agreement “P3”
2. Texas Department of Transportation (2018-2019 biennium) Rider 49: Intelligent Transportation System at the International Ports of Entry at the Bridge of the Americas and the Zaragoza Bridge in El Paso

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

LEGAL: (if required)

FINANCE: (if required)

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Monica Lombraña
Managing Director of Aviation and International Bridges



APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

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

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018

CITY OF EL PASO

ATTEST:

Dee Margo
Mayor

Laura D. Prine,
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Josette Flores
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Monica Lombraña, A.A.E.
Managing Director of Aviation and
International Bridges

Exhibit "A"
5-Yr CIP - Bridges

