

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

**DEPARTMENT:** Engineering and Construction Management  
Department of Transportation

**AGENDA DATE:** March 12, 2013

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Irene D. Ramirez, P.E., Interim City Engineer, x4428  
Ted Marquez, P.E., Interim Director, x6750

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to approve a Resolution to authorize the amendment of the 2013-2019 Street Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to add funding for the Carolina Bridge Reconstruction Project and the Quiet Zones Project in the total amount of \$5,000,000 in Certificates of Obligation; and to authorize the City Manager to establish funding sources and execute any and all documents, including budget transfers, necessary for the execution of the CIP.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

In partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), the City will be reconstructing the Carolina Bridge from Alameda Avenue to Stiles Drive. TXDOT is currently undertaking design of the bridge. Available funding from state and federal sources totals \$5,040,000. The City of El Paso is responsible for funding all utility relocation costs as well as paying for the acquisition of required right-of-way. It is estimated that these costs will total \$3.6M. The project is slated for construction in 2015.

The Quiet Zones project consists of modifications to railroad crossings along the Five Points and UMC corridors. The affected crossings along Five Points are at: Rosewood, Cedar, Birch, Maple, Elm and Piedras streets. The affected crossings along UMC are at: San Marcial, Estrella, Cebada, Grama, Copia, Boone, Concepcion, Chelsea, Glenwood, Clark and Cadwallader streets. The Federal Railroad Administration Supplementary Safety measures that are to be incorporated into the project include installation of medians, Quad gates and some closures. The City has been negotiating with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for property rights related to the Baseball Park project and in return, UPRR has requested that we accelerate work related to grade crossings and closures as incorporated in these Quiet Zones projects. This work will also require accelerating the conversion to two-way of Arizona and Rio Grande streets, which are already in the Street Infrastructure CIP. As railroad crossing safety is of the highest priority to the UPRR, and in order to assist the City with funding the implementation of these safety measures, the UPRR is providing funding up to a total of \$1,320,000. It is estimated that additional funding required to complete the project is \$1.4M.

Approving this resolution will increase the value of the 2013-2019 Street Infrastructure CIP as follows:

Total Original Street Infrastructure CIP Plan: \$218,400,000

Added per this resolution:                    \$1,400,000 for Quiet Zones (Additional CO)  
    \$3,600,000 for Carolina Bridge (Additional CO)  
    \$ 200,000 (Additional 2% bond issuance and 2% arts)

Total New Street Infrastructure CIP Plan:    \$223,600,000

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

2013 – 2019 Street Infrastructure CIP approved on June 26, 2012

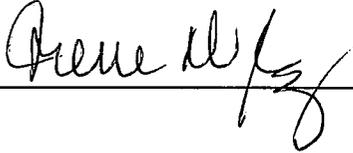
**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:** N/A

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the El Paso City Council approved its revised Debt Management Policy on November 27, 2012, which sets forth the parameters for issuing new debt for the City of El Paso; and

**WHEREAS**, the Debt Management Policy establishes the type of bonds that may be used to fund capital improvement projects at the lowest costs possible and states that Certificates of Obligation are an appropriate debt instrument for infrastructure related capital projects (and non-quality of Life projects); and

**WHEREAS**, the El Paso City Council has directed that issuances for proposed capital projects and utilizing Certificates of Obligation be brought forward annually starting in 2010 and thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Resolution as adopted on August 21, 2012, allows the City manager or her designee to establish or amend the budget for any capital project within a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) approved by the City Council, provided that the addition or deletion of a project's budget of more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) be approved by City council; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2012, the City Council approved the 2013-2019 Street Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, staff recommends that City Council amend the 2013-2019 Street Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan to add the Carolina Bridge Reconstruction project and the Quiet Zones project for \$5,000,000.00, plus \$200,000.00 for 2% bond issuance and 2% public art, for a total additional amount of \$5,200,000.00 in additional funding.

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

That the 2013-2019 Street Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan be amended to add the Carolina Bridge Reconstruction project and the Quiet Zones project for \$5,000,000.00, plus \$200,000.00 for 2% bond issuance and 2% public art, for a total additional amount of \$5,200,000.00 in additional funding, and that the City Manager be authorized to take any action necessary and execute any and all documents necessary for the execution of the Carolina Bridge Reconstruction and Quiet Zones projects, subject to annual budgeting requirements and final Council approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 12th day of March, 2013.

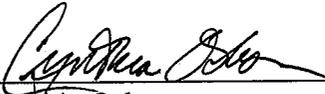
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John F. Cook  
Mayor

ATTEST:

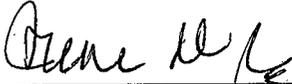
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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Cynthia Osborn  
Assistant City Attorney

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Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria  
Chief Financial Officer

  
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Irene D. Ramirez, P.E.  
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