



## EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

# Memorandum

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**TO :** Mayor & Council  
**FROM:** Patrick T. Abeln, A.A.E., Director of Aviation  
**CC:** Jim Martinez, CAO  
David Almonte, Director of OMB  
Lisa Elizondo, City Attorney  
**SUBJECT:** Budget Transfer 2004-640 – Airfield Lighting Replacement  
05-04-04 Council Agenda Item # 22B  
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On August 12, 2003, City Council awarded the design of the replacement of the Airport's airfield lighting control and monitoring system, and the design of a new electrical vault. The design is now complete and ready for bid letting.

Item #22B is the budget transfer establishing the appropriations for the entire project as a grant-funded project. The Department of Aviation has requested and allocated Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant funds for Fiscal Years 2004 & 2005, in the amount of \$5,126,000 per year, for a total of \$10,252,000. These funds are entitlement funds, which are based upon passenger levels and air cargo landing weights.

Additionally, the Airport has requested discretionary funding in the amount of \$2,573,000. Discretionary funding is based upon a priority system ranked by the FAA at the regional level, and given the importance of airfield lighting, there is a strong possibility that we will receive some discretionary funds. Final determination by the FAA as to which Airports will receive discretionary funds is not expected until late May or early June.

Please call me, or Monica Lombraña at 780-4793, should you have any questions.