

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR FY 2010 DISCRETIONARY LIVABILITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS PROGRAM TO STUDY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES IN THE LAS CRUCES TO EL PASO TRAVEL CORRIDOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.5 MILLION.

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration has announced the availability of up to \$25.7 million in discretionary Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 and 2010 funds under the Alternatives Analysis Program (49 U.S.C. 5339) and awards could range from \$50,000 to up to \$2 million in Section 5339 funding., and

WHEREAS, the NMDOT Transit and Rail Division has estimated that total program cost will be \$1.875 million that would be split 80% federal (\$1.5 million) and 20% local match (\$375,000).

WHEREAS, the discretionary program funds will be distributed in accordance with the mission of the Alternatives Analysis Program and in support of the Department of Transportation Livability Initiative, and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces is one of only four US cities selected to participate in the Environmental Protection Agency's 2010 Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA) program, and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 20,000 commuter trips between Las Cruces and El Paso each day and;

WHEREAS, at a recent joint meeting of the Las Cruces and El Paso City Councils, the two Councils agreed to work to identify opportunities to advance commuter rail between the two cities, and

WHEREAS, regional public transit would extend the life of existing roads and highways, thus protecting current and future investment in the regional transportation infrastructure, and

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso that the City Council supports the City of Las Cruces application to the Federal Transit Administration for an Alternatives Analysis of the El Paso – Las Cruces corridor for commuter rail and that City staff is authorized to share information with the City of Las

Cruces staff, the Las Cruces MPO and the El Paso MPO to enhance the competitiveness of the application for federal funds.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

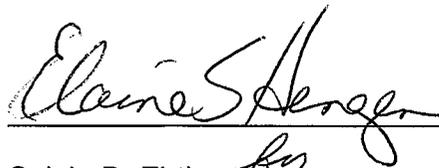
John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda D. Momsen, City Clerk

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