

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)**

**DEPARTMENT:** Engineering

**AGENDA DATE:** November 17, 2009

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** R. Alan Shubert, City Engineer (X4423)

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Resolution that the City of El Paso will apply for funding through the Texas Department of Transportation to make the necessary improvements to accomplish any or all of the three proposed Transportation Enhancement Projects if selected for funding by the Texas Department of Transportation. The City agrees to commit to the projects' development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management and financing.

The proposed Transportation Enhancement Projects are (1) Bicycle Paths, including designation with signage and striping along Trowbridge, Trawood, Montwood, Viscount, Riverside Drive, Yarbrough, Delta and Hunter Drive; (2) Saipan/Ledo -Lincoln Park Pedestrian Amenities, including walking/biking paths at the site and linking Boone Street to Alameda and the EL Paso Zoo as well as to enhance the open space adjacent to Interstate 10; and (3) Downtown Wayfinding and Pedestrian Amenities, including signage to assist pedestrians in locating corridors to the international ports of entry, the downtown transfer center, recreation venues and government facilities in the downtown area.

The City further agrees to provide the required local match of 20% or greater of the total project costs, including being responsible for all non-federally fundable items and 100 percent of all cost overruns.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The City is developing project applications in response to the 2009 Transportation Enhancement call for projects issued by the Texas Department of Transportation on October 9, 2009. Eligible projects compete state-wide and must go above and beyond traditional transportation efforts. Projects must be related to transportation through either function or impact. For this particular call, priority will be given to projects where design and environmental efforts are completed, request is for construction funds, local match is available and in cash, and no property acquisition is necessary. Further, the timelines for application submittal are very tight with the applications due to the local TXDOT offices by December 11, 2009. Projects must meet the eligibility criteria and must be recommended by the Transportation Policy Board. Prior to presentation to the TPB, which is scheduled to meet on December 11, 2009, the Transportation Project Advisory Committee must review submittals by all entities and make a recommendation. This committee is scheduled to meet on November 25, 2009. One of the requirements for the application is Council resolution committing to the match, should the project be selected. This resolution meets that requirement by committing match, cost overruns and maintenance of any project selected by the Commission.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

None

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

No funding is committed through this action. Should projects be selected, an Advanced Funding Agreement will be presented to Council with the appropriate funding source.

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

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

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Engineering, client department should sign also)

*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has opened a call for Transportation Enhancement projects which go above and beyond traditional transportation projects and which are linked to transportation through either function or impact; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of El Paso wishes to improve and enhance the safety and efficiency of the movement of people walking or bicycling; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of El Paso wishes to provide for landscaping and beautification and address water pollution due to highway runoff; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will propose three Transportation Enhancement Projects all of which will be viable and important assets to the City, schools and local businesses; and,

**WHEREAS**, The proposed Transportation Enhancement Projects are (1) Bicycle Paths, including designation with signage and striping along Trowbridge, Trawood, Montwood, Viscount, Riverside Drive, Yarbrough, Delta and Hunter Drive; (2) Saipan/Ledo –Lincoln Park Pedestrian Amenities, including walking/biking paths at the site and linking Boone Street to Alameda and the EL Paso Zoo as well as to enhance the open space adjacent to Interstate 10; and (3) Downtown Wayfinding and Pedestrian Amenities, including signage to assist pedestrians in locating corridors to the international ports of entry, the downtown transfer center, recreation venues and government facilities in the downtown area; and

**WHEREAS**, The building of the proposed Transportation Enhancement Projects will accomplish the intention of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, The Texas Department of Transportation requires the governing body to commit to provide matching funds should the City's projects be selected.

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

**THAT** the City of El Paso will apply for funding through the Texas Department of Transportation to make the necessary improvements to accomplish any or all of the three Transportation Enhancement Projects if selected for funding by the Texas Department of Transportation. The City agrees to commit to the projects' development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management and financing. The City further agrees to provide the required local match of 20% or greater of the total project costs, including being responsible for all non-federally fundable items and 100 percent of all cost overruns.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

City of El Paso

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John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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Mark Shoosmith  
Assistant City Attorney

  
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R. Alan Shubert, P.E., City Engineer