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

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DEPARTMENT: **Engineering Department**

AGENDA DATE: **November 28, 2006**

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: **Teresa Quezada, ext. 4771**

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 6 and 7

SUBJECT:

Discussion and Action to direct the staff to proceed with the Zaragosa Overpass Project.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The Zaragosa overpass is a federally-funded, locally matched project to construct a new 4-lane elevated crossing over railroad tracks in the City's Mission Valley. The City of El Paso entered into an agreement with TXDOT in September 2001 for project development and construction. Since then, the City has worked with TXDOT to develop the project. Plans are 60% complete and the next steps are environmental assessments of the proposed project and the anticipated social and environmental impacts. Once environmental studies are completed and approved, property acquisition can begin. Staff presented a status report to the Transportation Legislative Review Committee on October 13, 2006. The LRC directed staff to present the project status report to the full Council for its consideration. We are asking that Council re-affirm the staff's authority to proceed with the project.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Council approved a project agreement for this project on September 2001.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The City's project match was approved as part of the FY01 Certificates of Obligation. As the project is developed and property acquisition is required, additional funds will be required.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

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

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____