

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

DEPARTMENT: International Bridges

AGENDA DATE: December 3, 2013

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Jane Shang, DCM for Transportation and Public Works, shangj1@elpasotexas.gov, 541-4327

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: all

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution amending Schedule C to the FY 2014 Budget Resolution to reflect a \$0.50 increase to the international bridge fees for passenger and commercial vehicles effective January 26, 2014.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

This action authorizes the increase in bridge fees to fund additional CBP staff hours to implement the Section 560 Reimbursable Fee Agreement and Annex.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

- August 3, 2011: authorized increasing bridge tolls by 50 cents.
- August 20, 2013: authorized tolls to be increased by 50 cents during FY 2014 budget process.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: Estimated annual cost for additional staff is approximately \$1.5M. Tolls to be increased by 50 cents in accordance with Schedule C to the FY 2014 Budget Resolution, as amended.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

Jane K Shang

Information copy to Jane Shang, Deputy City Manager

**RESOLUTION AMENDING SCHEDULE C FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO
FY 2014 BUDGET RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Title 12 of the City Code authorizes the international bridge tolls that shall apply to southbound traffic; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Budget Resolution for FY 2014 ("FY 2014 Budget Resolution") on August 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, paragraph 61 of the FY 2014 Budget Resolution authorizes a \$0.50 increase to international bridge fees for passenger and commercial vehicles heading southbound upon the acceptance of a formal agreement with U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") for the provision of CBP services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized the Mayor to sign a "Section 560" Reimbursable Fee Agreement and Annex to the "Section 560" Reimbursable Fee Agreement between the City and CBP whereby the City will reimburse CBP for overtime provided by CBP officers to reduce wait times at the City ports of entry; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to revise the amounts charged for international bridge fees for passenger and commercial vehicles heading southbound as authorized in Title 12 of the City Code and contained in lines 258 - 262 of Schedule C.

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

That Schedule C, attached to the FY 2014 Budget Resolution shall be amended, effective January 26, 2014, as set forth in Attachment A, to revise the amounts of fees for passenger and commercial vehicles heading southbound as authorized by Title 12 of the City Code relating to tolls for international bridges; and

That funds raised as a result of this increase are restricted to use for CBP services, City ports of entry infrastructure, traffic management and any other purpose to support the "Section 560" program as approved by City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ___ DAY OF DECEMBER 2013.

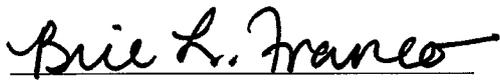
CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

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Mayor

ATTEST:

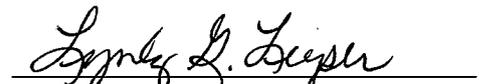
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brie L. Franco
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



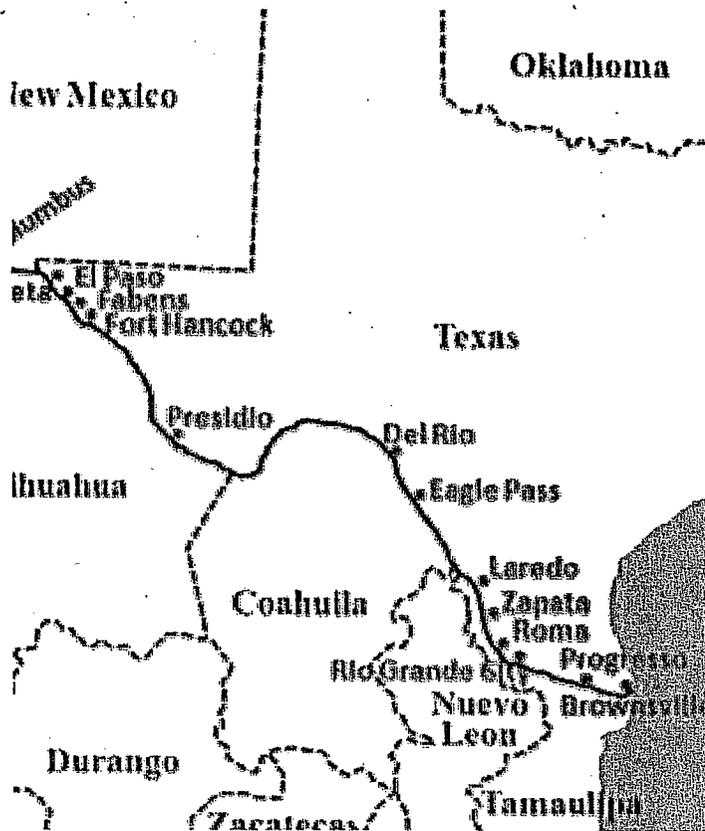
Lynly Leeper, Chief Budget Officer
Office of Management and Budget
Department of the City Manager

ATTACHMENT A

FY 2014 SCHEDULE C DEPARTMENTAL FEE LIST

Line No.	Department	Account	Fee Description	Detail	FY2014 Adopted	PROPOSED CHANGES
250	International Bridges	440200	Parking Meters	Meter Rentals	\$8.25 per day	
251	International Bridges	440200	Parking Meters	Payments with Credit or Debit Card	\$8.25 per day - MINIMUM Payment of \$1.00 then \$0.75/hour for additional time.	
253	International Bridges	440200	Parking Meters	All Meters - Free Saturday Parking	\$0.00	
254	International Bridges	440200	Parking Meters	Administrative Fee Per Rental	\$30.00 per rental	
255	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Tolls Charge Pedestrian, three years or older	\$0.50	
256	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Tolls Charge Pedestrian, three years or older - Saturday Discount Tolls	\$0.25	
257	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Tolls Charge, Bicycle	\$0.50	
258	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Toll Charge, Motorcycle	\$2.50	\$3.00
259	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Tolls Charge Automobiles, pick-up trucks (up to one-ton carrying capacity), panel trucks, vans, recreational trailers	\$2.50	\$3.00
260	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Tolls Charge Commercial Trucks, Buses, Motor Homes, Tractors, Commercial Towed Trailers	\$3.50 per axle	\$4.00 per axle
261	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Toll Charge, Pick-Up Trucks with a carrying capacity exceeding one-ton	\$3.50 per axle	\$4.00 per axle
262	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Toll Charge, Pick-Up Trucks using the Zaragoza Commercial Bridge	\$3.50 per axle	\$4.00 per axle
263	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Tolls Charge, Empty Tractor, without Trailer, 2 or 3 axles	\$5.00	
264	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Tolls Charge, Empty Tractor, without Trailer, 2 or 3 axles, Between 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM	\$4.00	
265	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Tolls Charge, Empty 2-axle Commercial Truck	\$5.00	
266	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Tolls Charge, Empty Tractor with Empty Trailer, 3 axles or more	\$7.50	
267	International Bridges	420500	Toll for International Bridges	Tolls Charge, Empty Commercial Truck, 3 axles or more	\$7.50	

TOLLS ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER



Location	Tolls	
	Cars	Comm Vehicle Per Axle
El Paso-Current Tolls	\$2.50	\$3.50
El Paso-PPP Proposed	\$3.00	\$4.00
Cameron County		
B&M	\$3.00	\$3.88
Free Trade Bridge	\$3.00	\$3.88
Gateway Bridge	\$3.00	\$3.88
Veterans Bridge	\$3.00	\$3.88
Laredo		
Gateway Bridge	\$3.50	\$4.25
Juarez Lincoln Bridge	\$3.50	\$4.25
Columbia Solidarity	\$3.50	\$4.25
World Trade Bridge	\$3.50	\$4.25
Pharr Reynosa	\$3.25	\$5.62
Del Rio Acuna	\$3.00	\$4.00
Weslaco Progreso	\$2.00	N/A
Donna International	\$3.00	\$4.00
McAllen Hidalgo	\$3.00	\$3.50
Rio Grande City - Camargo	\$3.00	\$2.88
Roma International	\$3.00	\$3.00
Eagle Pass		
Camino Real Eagle Pass	\$2.50	\$3.50
Eagle Pass Bridge 1	\$2.50	N/A