



## RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY SUPPORT AND LOCAL FUNDING OF THE UNIVERSITY AVENUE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND THAT AN APPLICATION BE SUBMITTED TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2012 TEXAS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation has opened a call for projects which go above and beyond standard transportation activities and are integrated into the surrounding environment in a sensitive and creative manner that contributes to the quality of the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso seeks to improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists by constructing walking and bicycle trails to connect neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso seeks to enhance walkability and bicycling options to provide residents with a mix of travel modes; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will be an important and viable asset to the City's transportation network; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is in conformance with the City's comprehensive plan adopted by the El Paso City Council in 2012.

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

**THAT** the City of El Paso supports funding for the University Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement project and agrees to commit to the development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management and financing of the projects and make the necessary improvements if selected by the Texas Department of Transportation. The City further agrees to provide the required local match of twenty five (25) percent or greater of the total project costs, including being responsible for all non-federally fundable items and a hundred (100) percent of all cost overruns, and to construct the projects within four years from date of selection.

**THAT** the City proposes to submit a nomination requesting funding in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$715,144) with a 25% local funding match in the amount of \$238,381.

**THAT** the City Manager is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City in all matters relating to this funding nomination and to execute all necessary applications, assurances, certifications, and other documents, relative to the submission, later acceptance, and administration of such funds.

**ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.**

**CITY OF EL PASO**

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John F. Cook  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Karla Nieman  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

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Jane K. Shang  
Deputy City Manager  
Transportation & Public Works



The features represented on this map are in the Texas State Plane Coordinate system, Central Zone, NAD 83, units feet, using the Lambert Conformal Conic projection.

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# Transportation Enhancement Program

University



TEP Project

 UNIVERSITY



# UNIVERSITY AVE

SCALE: 1" = 30'





## TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM 2012

Additional information can be found in the Transportation Enhancement Program Guide:  
[www.txdot.gov/business/governments/te.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/te.htm)

### 1. Project Name

University Avenue Pedestrian/Bicycle Improvements

### 2. Project Location

University Ave. (UTEP boundary/Oregon, Oregon-Mesa, Mesa-Stanton)

County:

TxDOT District:

Project Limits (point to point):

Project Length (feet/miles), if applicable:

Building Dimensions, (size in square feet), if applicable:

State of Texas/Legislature  
House of Representatives

District #:  Name:

District #:  Name:

District #:  Name:

State Senate

District #:  Name:

District #:  Name:

District #:  Name:

Federal Congressional  
House of Representatives

District #:  Name:

District #:  Name:

District #:  Name:

### 3. Qualifying Category

### 4. Nominating Entity

### 5. Nominating Entity Contact Information

Contact Person:

Title:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Fax:

Daytime Telephone:

Email:

## 6. Project Description

*(Limited to 3500 Characters with spaces)*

The proposed project supports the creation of a pedestrian/bicycle friendly link on University Ave. between Stanton and the University of Texas El Paso (UTEP) within the public right-of-way (ROW). The project area consists of two blocks excluding the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) State Route 20 ROW (Mesa) which bisects the project area. The current roadway is identified as a proposed Class 3 bikeway in the City of El Paso Comprehensive Plan, Plan El Paso. The intent of the link is to provide a safe and viable route for pedestrians and bicyclists between the residential areas east of Stanton to UTEP through an auto-dominated commercial corridor that currently divides the two areas. Currently, the City of El Paso is in the process of creating a street car corridor linking Downtown to UTEP and surrounding neighborhoods. The designated route for the street car will border the project's east and west ends. The proposed linkage will enable pedestrians to better utilize the street car system by providing safe designated areas for their use and encouraging alternative modes of transportation. The proposal makes provision for the following:

- Six-foot concrete sidewalks on all blocks;
- An eight-foot bicycle path along the northerly portion of the University Ave. ROW;
- Trees: 16 per block;
- Pedestrian lighting: 16 per block;
- Benches: 4 per block;
- Trash receptacles: 2 per block;
- Bike lane Signage: 2 per block;
- Median landscaping: 16 trees and shrubs for University Avenue;
- Parkway landscaping to include street trees on all blocks.
- Stamped concrete crosswalks

## 7. Project Information

Directional Maps, Site Maps, General Floor Plans, and Photographs  
(Label Attachment as 'Project Information - Attachment A')  
(No more than 10 pieces)

## 8. Official Local Government Funding Resolution

(Label attachment as 'Certification of Funding and Support - Attachment B')  
(No more than 10 pieces)

## 9. MPO Letter of Support (if applicable)

(Label attachment as 'MPO/COG Letter of Support - Attachment E')  
(No more than 10 pieces)

**10. Evidence of Public Involvement and Support**

(Label attachments as 'Evidence of Public Involvement and Support - Attachment C')  
(No more than 10 pieces)

**A.** Attach letters of support and other documentary evidence of public interest.  
(No more than 10 pieces)

**B.** Provide dates and information about public meetings and events held to discuss the project.  
(Limited to 1,640 Characters with spaces)

As part of the adoption of the city's new comprehensive plan, a series of tours, charrettes and hands-on design sessions was conducted over a two-week period (February 9-22, 2011) addressing El Paso's Planning Areas which included University Avenue (Plan El Paso Vol. 2, Page B.12). As a result of the public process, public input was gathered, focusing Plan El Paso's concepts to include transportation and pedestrian-oriented development among other planning related issues. On February 22, 2011, the findings of the public process were presented to the El Paso community, where in addition to other matters one of the predominant concerns raised by the public was the desire to provide more, connected pedestrian/bike trails (Plan El Paso Vol. 2, Page B.21).

**C. Ranking by Nominator**

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Property Ownership and Acquisition Information**

(Label attachments as 'Property Ownership and Acquisition Information - Attachment D')  
(No more than 10 pieces)

All proposals must provide documentation of the Nominator's property rights by title of ownership, lease, or easement for all property within the project limits.

**Is the property needed for the project already acquired?**     Yes     No

*If No - How will it be acquired? Describe. (include commitment letter by current owner that the property's interest will be transferred upon approval)*

*If Yes - When was the property acquired and how? Describe.*

Right-of-way dedicated by plat. (Alexander Addition, 1884).

**Was the property acquired in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act?**     Yes     No

**12. SHPO Certificate of Eligibility - National Register of Historic Places (if applicable)**

(Contact the State Historic Preservation Officer through THC)

(Label attachment as 'SHPO Certificate of Eligibility - Attachment F')

**13. Scenic Easement/Historic Site Designation (if applicable)**

Projects proposing acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites, must provide documentary evidence from the appropriate city, county, state or national entity indicating official designation. (Label attachment as 'Scenic Easement/Historic Site Designation - Attachment G')

**14. Evaluation of Work Involving Environmental Mitigation (if applicable)**

Projects proposing environmental mitigation must provide documentary evidence from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department indicating their technical evaluation of the project. (Label attachment as 'Evaluation of Work Involving Environmental Mitigation - Attachment H')

**15. Railroad Right of Entry Letter/Agreement (if applicable)**

Projects proposing to encroach or cross railroad right of way, must include documentary evidence from the railroad granting a right of entry or an executed encroachment agreement. (Label attachment as 'Railroad Right of Entry Letter/Agreement - Attachment I')

**16. Local Bicycle Plan (if applicable)**

Projects proposing to build facilities for bicycles must include documentary evidence from the city or county stating that the project has been included in the entity's bicycle plan, if applicable, or the bicycle element of the transportation component of the entity's comprehensive plan. (Label attachment as 'Local Bicycle Plan - Attachment J')

**17. Projected Time Estimate**

Estimate the amount of time it will take to complete the project from start to finish. Approximate the time required for each activity. The activities can run concurrently causing the total time to be different from the total of the activities. Consider time for (but not limited to):

Months

- Planning Activities**  
(Executing contract, hiring consultant, planning, schematic and design, utility relocation, etc.)
- Environmental Clearance**  
(Assessments, possible mitigation for Hazardous Materials, permits, review by THC, COE, etc.)
- ROW Acquisition**  
(Surveying, appraisals, title transfer, clearance...)
- Project Design and Plan Preparation of PS&E Package**  
(Including PS&E Review by TxDOT District, Austin Divisions, TDLR, and other agencies...)
- Project Construction/Implementation**  
(Advertising/hiring contractor, demolition, construction, inspection...)
- Other**

Projected Time in Months

**18. Maintenance and Operations**

Estimate maintenance and operations costs of the project. If applicable, determine the amount of any anticipated income derived from the project. (yearly basis)

Maintenance \$  Operations \$  Income \$

Identify all parties responsible for the maintenance and operations of the project:

### 19. Project Budget Summary

List all construction costs to be incurred by the nominating entity on pages 6-8 for a complete itemized cost estimate. **Generally, preliminary engineering (including planning, design, and plans, specifications, and estimates) are not allowable costs.**

Total Construction Costs:	1.	769,772
Planning Costs (Category 2, 4, 9, 10 Only):	2.	59,381
Right of Way Costs (Category 3 Only):	3.	0
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Subtotal of Expenses (Line 1 - Line 3):	4.	829,153
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TxDOT Administrative Expenses (15% of Line 4):	5.	124,373
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Total Project Cost:	6.	\$953,526
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Local Match:		
25% of Total Project Cost (Line 6)	7.	\$238,381
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Federal Funds Requested:	8.	\$715,144

*The minimum amount of local cash match required is 20%. Sponsors are not limited in their maximum local match. If a larger local match is provided, please adjust the percentages accordingly.*

### 20. Project Commitment

By submitting an application, the nominating entity commits that if this project is selected for funding, it will be brought to a successful bid award within four years from selection. The construction plans for this project are currently:

- Complete  
 % Complete  
 Not Started

_____ <i>Signature</i>
_____ <i>Printed Name</i>
_____ <i>Date</i>

The nomination form must be signed by a representative of the local entity that has signature authority.

**Complete nomination packages must be received at the district by the final due date and include one signed original, two additional copies and two CDs containing an electronic file of the nomination form in a Microsoft Windows Excel 2010 format (.xism), including PDF versions of all attachments.**

**FINAL SUBMISSION DUE DATE FOR ALL DOCUMENTATION  
Friday, November 2, 2012 by 5:00pm**



**Construction Costs:**

Work Activities:	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
Parkway				0
WHEEL CHAIR RAMPS	16	EA	\$ 2,200.00	35,200
CONCRETE SIDEWALKS	1023	SY	\$ 45.00	46,035
COLORED CONCRETE WALKS (STAMPED)		SF	\$ 7.50	0
CONCRETE DRIVEWAYS	590	SY	\$ 46.75	27,583
CONCRETE SLAB		SY	\$ 55.00	0
WROUGHT IRON FENCE		SF	\$ 20.00	0
ROCKWALL		PERCH	\$ 310.00	0
CHAIN LINK FENCE		LF	\$ 46.00	0
CONCRETE STEM WALL		LF	\$ 16.50	0
				0
				0
Park Equipment				0
PICNIC UNITS/SHELTER(In-ground Mounted on C		EA	\$ 14,500.00	0
PARK BENCH (In-ground Mounted on Concrete S	12	EA	\$ 1,500.00	18,000
TRASH RECEPTACLES	8	EA	\$ 650.00	5,200
METAL ROOF CANOPIES (For picnic units)		EA	\$ 13,000.00	0
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT (Complete in Place)		EA	\$ 75,000.00	0
PLAYGROUND SAND		CY	\$ 8.00	0
ADA SHOCK ABSORBANT SURFACE		SF	\$ 27.50	0
BASKETBALL COURT (Complete in Place)		EA	\$ 60,000.00	0
BASKETBALL COURT LIGHTING		LS	\$ 35,000.00	0
PARK NAME SIGN		EA	\$ 10,500.00	0
PARK RULES SIGN		EA	\$ 750.00	0
PLAYGROUND CANOPY		EA	\$ 42,500.00	0
				0
				0
Landscape				0
TREES	33	EA	\$ 550.00	18,150
SHRUBS	33	EA	\$ 80.00	2,640
LANDSCAPE ROCK (2" DIA.) - Median & Parkway	14175	SF	\$ 3.00	42,525
SOD		SF	\$ 1.75	0
OVERSEED AREA		SF	\$ 0.90	0
4" RIVER ROCK		SF	\$ 3.75	0
SCREENING		S.F.	\$ 3.00	0
BOULDERS		EA	\$ 325.00	0
				0
				0
Irrigation				0
IRRIGATION COMPLETE IN PLACE	2	LS	\$ 30,000.00	60,000
IRRIGATION MODIFICATIONS		LS	\$ 12,500.00	0
2" WATER METER	1	EACH	\$ 8,250.00	8,250
				0
				0
				0
<b>Total:</b>				<b>\$769,772</b>

