SERVICE SOLUTIONS SUCCESS

Agenda Item #2

"Section 559"

Donation Acceptance Authority

THE CITY OF EL PASO
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES

December 15, 2014

Section 559

- Congress has authorized CBP, in collaboration with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), to conduct a five-year pilot program permitting CBP to enter into partnerships with private sector and government entities at ports of entry for certain services and to accept certain donations under Section 559 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 201, P.L. 113-76.

- Pursuant to the Donation Acceptance Authority, CBP and GSA are authorized to accept donations of real property, personal property, and non-personal services from the private sector and government entities. Accepted donations may be used for activities related to the construction, alteration, operations, and maintenance of an existing CBP-owned land port of entry or a new or existing GSA-owned land port of entry.

Section 559

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Partnerships entered into during the pilot program may extend beyond the initial five-year timeframe.

The Mayor on behalf of the City of El Paso submitted a letter in April expressing the City's interest in participating in the program.

Guidelines for submissions were published in October. Thus, the City must authorize the City Manager to submit two (2) qualified proposals,

The Ysleta Island Cargo Entry Point and the Paso Del Norte Ready Lane for participation in Section 559 and authorize City matches and /or funding to come from the P3 restricted fund balance.

Projects

- READY Lane Paso Del Norte POE

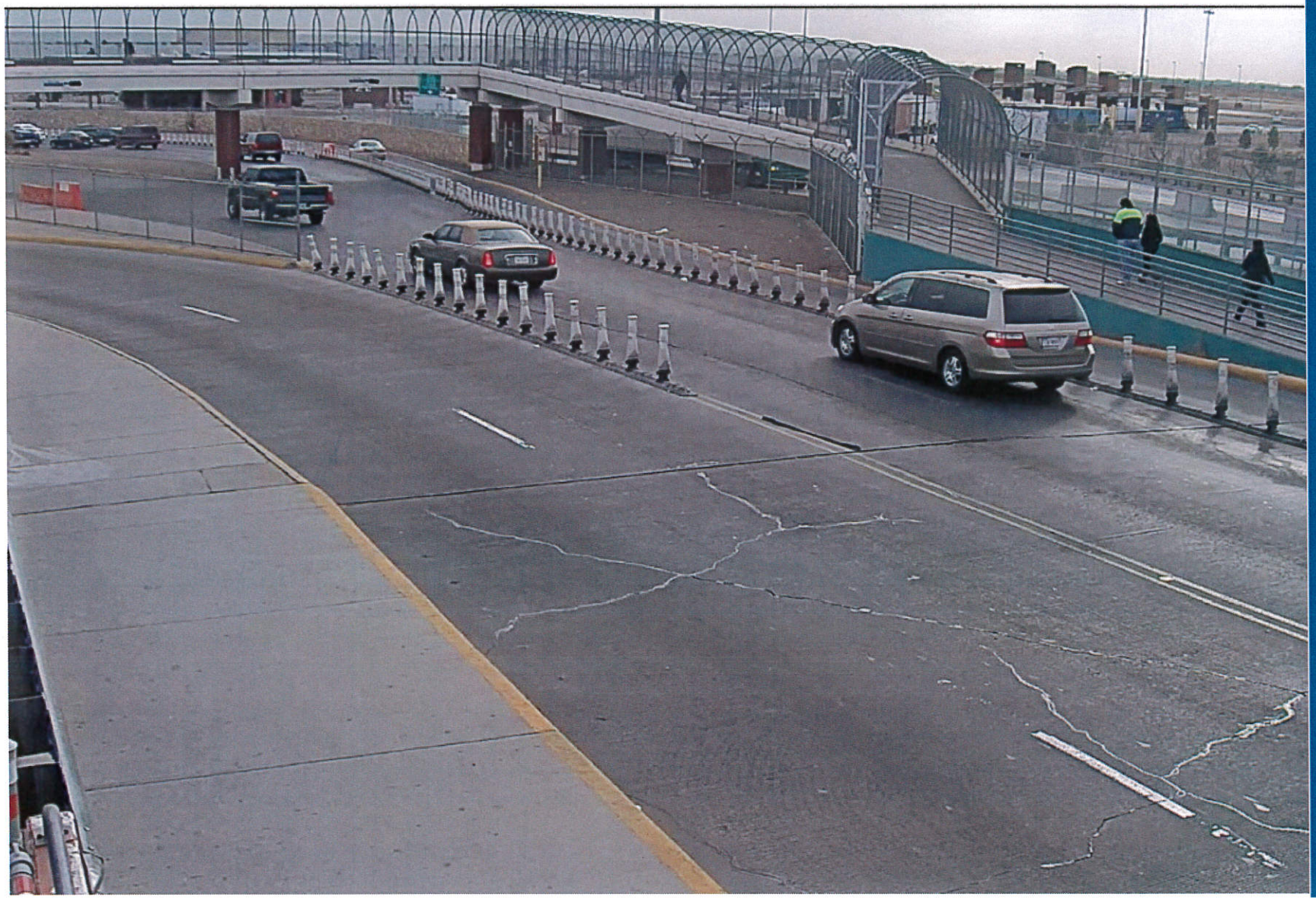
  Dedicate bridge lane from Mexican toll plaza to CBP primary inspection as Ready Lane.

- Ysleta Island Cargo Entry Point

  Remove Island at Ysleta Cargo

Paso Del Norte Bridge

Zaragoza Segregated Ready Lane



Entrance to Zaragoza Cargo Facing North

Entrance to Zaragoza Cargo Facing South

Action Requested

That the City Manager be authorized to submit project proposals to U.S. Customs and Border Protection as part of the Section 559 legislation that grants CBP "Donation Acceptance Authority".

Questions/Comments

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