



## El Paso County

SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (USDOT) 2025 BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT (BUILD) GRANT PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, The USDOT's BUILD program provides up to \$25 million grant for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact; and

**WHEREAS**, El Paso County is applying to the BUILD program for the Bob Hope Drive Extension Project that will extend the existing Bob Hope Drive for 1.13 miles from Joe Battle Boulevard (SL 375) to Mission Ridge Boulevard with a 4-lane divided roadway that will include 11-foot wide with 11-foot left turn lanes, a raised 7- to 17-foot wide median, a 12-foot-wide shared use paths on both sides of the road, lighting, drainage, landscaping, two roundabouts, and water/sewer infrastructure connections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bob Hope Drive Extension Project is prioritized in multiple planning documents including the El Paso County Master Thoroughfare Plan, the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization's (EPMPO) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the EPMPO's Transportation Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project's primary benefits include a reduction in travel time and cost, improved safety benefits, and a reduction in emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project is currently at 90% engineering design completion and is anticipated to be ready for construction in Summer 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to construct and complete the proposed project is \$32,548,345; and

**WHEREAS**, the BUILD grant program can fund up to \$25 million; and

**WHEREAS**, El Paso County is committed to funding \$ 7,573,345 of the remaining balance, plus any cost overruns.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that El Paso County fully supports the submission of the BUILD grant application, is committed to providing the local match in the amount of \$ 7,573,345, and will administer the grant to implement the project.

Signed by:

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Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge  
Passed and approved this 27 of January, 2025

