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Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Phase II Implementation Grants

El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area Application

Chihuahuan Desert Carbon Mitigation Beltway

Sub-Task 5

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The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
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Subject: 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Implementation Application

In 2014, I was selected to become El Paso's first Chief Resilience Officer as a result of our city being selected as one of the 100 Resilient Cities Initiative pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. As a native El Pasoan, the role was an honor because it provided an opportunity to serve my home community that had for so long been cast aside, ignored and underrepresented. It provided the opportunity to raise the profile of the hidden potential of the deeply rooted culture and beauty that is the soul of this bi-national metropolplex. The challenge however is equally extraordinary because of decades of underinvestment, community educational and linguistic barriers alongside poverty and long-standing social justice concerns. In a community like ours, topics such as global climate action seem far away from the day-to-day challenges of El Paso families. As an environmental advocate it became clear that climate action for El Paso was long overdue and lacked community wide understanding. Through these opportunities and challenges, over the course of 4 years, Resilient El Paso was born.

Resilience in El Paso is centered in 4 areas: 1) Setting the Standard for the Vibrant Desert City 2) Activating the Economic Potential of the Binational Metroplex around an Environmental Economy 3) Empowering El Pasoans through equitable, inclusive and deeply innovative outreach capable of shifting long standing power structures and 4) A Globally Connected Government capable of addressing regional challenges collaboratively. The Chihuahuan Desert Climate Mitigation Beltway is a physical manifestation Resilient El Paso. It is the culmination of over a decade of work and community aspiration.

Today, as we near the culmination of more than a year of direct climate action engagement with diverse stakeholders, and months of work building coalition around CPRG, our community is excited to present to the EPA the **Paso del Norte Trail: "Chihuahuan Desert Carbon Mitigation Beltway"**. This initiative represents a comprehensive regional approach to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and air pollutants, while also directly benefiting low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs) across the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Spanning El Paso and Hudspeth Counties in Texas, the project encompasses a mix of urban, suburban, and rural areas, traditionally underserved and underinvested. This project does not represent a portion of our community, it represents the whole of our community.

What began as a grassroots resilience initiative, the project, through this grant has become an opportunity to completely transform the landscape of West Texas as it relates to climate, equity, diversity and resilience. We look forward to standing with the EPA in realizing this project as a testament to our collective community vision for a more resilient and prosperous future for all.

Nicole Alderete-Ferrini

Climate and Sustainability Officer
Chief Resilience Officer
Director of Community and Human Development
City of El Paso

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March 13, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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**RE: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
Implementation Program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project**

Dear Administrator Reagan:

I would like to first thank you for your commitment to fighting climate change and providing vulnerable communities across the country with the opportunity to have equitable access to a healthy, resilient, and sustainable environment.

I represent El Paso, Texas, an environmental justice community along the U.S.-Mexico border that bears the brunt of climate change. Recently, the City of El Paso was one of the 67 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) that received the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Phase I program funding to complete a Preliminary Climate Action Plan (PCAP). I am writing regarding the City of El Paso's Phase II application of the EPA CPRG for its Paso del Norte Trail Project. The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project, an 80+-mile trail and climate mitigation improvements initiative, is a crucial endeavor that addresses longstanding air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, transportation needs, and community health in the El Paso MSA. The City of El Paso's application presents for the first time an incredible opportunity to seriously compete to implement innovative measures to combat the climate crisis along the U.S.-Mexico border.

In 2021, in an effort to encourage local governments to develop initiatives to combat the climate crisis, I convened a Climate Crisis Advisory Committee (CCAC) to develop a framework that outlines recommended action items developed by local stakeholders and climate experts, to also include the City of El Paso, one of CCAC's most active entities. In August 2023, I was proud to release the framework crafted by the CCAC to eligible grant applicants in the El Paso region, such as local and county governments, tribal governments, institutions of higher education, and independent school districts. Since then, proactively addressing the existential climate crisis has become a top priority for El Paso's public, private, and non-profit sectors, with investments in renewable energy, sustainability, and emissions reductions.

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Addressing the existential threat of the climate crisis has been a top priority of mine since being elected to Congress, and I am proud to have made funding opportunities such as the CPRG possible through the Inflation Reduction Act. If funded, Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) in my district are set to significantly benefit from this award. The scope of work is based on multiple studies and final engineering design documents and includes trail development and improvements, green infrastructure, storm management carbon sinks, ADA improvements, bicycle improvements, solar lighting, air quality monitoring, and irrigation improvements. This project will proactively address GHG emissions and air pollution reduction, transportation, and health challenges throughout the community.

I remain committed to supporting the EPA's robust efforts to combat climate change. The City of El Paso's CPRG implementation proposal presents an incredible benefit to my district. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to their application. Please contact my Grants Coordinator, Mr. Manny Rodriguez, at Manny.Rodriguez@mail.house.gov or 915-541-1400 with any questions or developments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Veronica Escobar".

Veronica Escobar
Member of Congress



The Senate of Texas

CÉSAR J. BLANCO

TEXAS SENATOR
DISTRICT 29

March 15, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project

Dear Administrator Reagan,

I am pleased to offer a letter in support of the City of El Paso's application for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to implement their Paso del Norte Trail Project.

The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project is a > 80 mile trail and climate mitigation improvements initiative that will proactively address GHG emissions and air pollutants reduction, transportation and health challenges throughout the community. The scope of work is based on multiple studies and final engineering design documents and includes trail development and improvements, green infrastructure, storm management carbon sinks, ADA improvements, bicycle improvements, solar lighting, air quality monitoring, and irrigation improvements.

This project is a crucial endeavor that addresses longstanding air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, transportation needs and community health disparities in the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), Texas. Additionally, Low Income/Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) will benefit significantly from this grant. Projects such as these are essential for the sustainable growth and advancement of our community, and I full support the City of El Paso's initiative in advancing this plan.

Your favorable consideration of this vital community project is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding my support for the City of El Paso's application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, please do not hesitate to contact me at (915) 577-0029.

Sincerely,

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César J. Blanco
Texas State Senator
Senate District 29



TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EDDIE MORALES, JR.

District 74

March 13th, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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**Re: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
Implementation program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project**

Dear Administrator Reagan,

I am writing to express my full support for the City of El Paso, Texas, and their application for the CPRG Paso del Norte Trail Project. The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project, a 80+-mile trail and climate mitigation improvements initiative, is a crucial endeavor that addresses longstanding air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, transportation needs and community health in the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), Texas.

Low Income/Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) will benefit significantly from this grant. The scope of work is based on multiple studies and final engineering design documents and includes trail development and improvements, green infrastructure, storm management carbon sinks, ADA improvements, bicycle improvements, solar lighting, air quality monitoring, and irrigation improvements. This project will proactively address GHG emissions and air pollutants reduction, transportation and health challenges throughout the community.

I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely yours,

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Eddie Morales, Jr.
State Representative



TEXAS HOUSE *of* REPRESENTATIVES

Mary E. González

State Representative, District 75

March 19, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation program
Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project**

Dear Administrator Reagan,

The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project, an 80+-mile trail and climate mitigation improvements initiative, is a crucial endeavor that addresses longstanding air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, transportation needs and community health in the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area in Texas. Low income and disadvantaged communities along the trail will benefit significantly.

The trail's plans are based on multiple studies and engineering designs. The proposal is for trail development and improvements, green infrastructure, storm management carbon sinks, Americans with Disabilities Acts improvement and compliance, bicycle accessibility, solar lighting, air quality enhancements, and irrigation improvements. The project will also address GHG emissions, air pollution reduction, transportation needs and health challenges throughout our community.

Because the project will greatly benefit our community, I wholeheartedly support the City of El Paso's application for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

Thank you for your consideration, and if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary E. Gonzalez".

Mary E. Gonzalez, PhD
Texas State Representative
District 75



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EVELINA ORTEGA

District 77

March 14, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project

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I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,

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State Representative Lina Ortega Texas
House District 77





TEXAS HOUSE *of* REPRESENTATIVES

Joe Moody

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 78 • EL PASO COUNTY

March 18, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,

Joe Moody
State Representative | District 78



CLAUDIA ORDAZ
TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 79
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March 13, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,

Isela Reyes
Mayor
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Alderson Place 1
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Lorenzo E. Leyva Sr.
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March 12, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
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I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,



Mayor, Isela Reyes
City of San Elizario

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



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District 2

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District 3 / Mayor Pro-Tem

Yvonne Colon - Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

March 14, 2024

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I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,

Adriana Rodarte, MBA
City Manager
City of Socorro, Texas



March 18, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project

Dear Administrator Reagan,

On behalf of the El Paso County Commissioner's Court, we would like to express our full support for the City of El Paso, Texas, and their application for the CPRG Paso del Norte Trail Project. The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project, a 80+-mile trail and climate mitigation improvements initiative, is a crucial endeavor that addresses longstanding air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, transportation needs and community health in the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), Texas.

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The Commissioner's Court is in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. We ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,

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Ricardo A. Samaniego
County Judge



Transportation Policy Board

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Executive Director

February 23, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Support for City of El Paso Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Phase II

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of the Transportation Policy Board of the El Paso MPO, I am writing to express our support for the City of El Paso, Texas, and their application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Phase II. The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project is considered a regionally-significant transportation project that will lead to significant reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and address longstanding transportation needs in the El Paso area. It will also preserve the history and culture of the region, highlight the Rio Grande River, support economic development and ecotourism, provide educational and volunteer opportunities, and make healthy living the easy choice for our unique binational community.

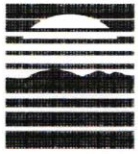
The Paso del Norte Trail Project will create important transportation connections between amenities (businesses, schools, parks) which will lead to economic development and improved quality of life while reducing emissions. The construction of the Trail will be complemented with different satellite projects, such as Complete Street conversions of streets along the trail, Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure, and coordination with local transit and microtransit projects. Together, these projects will be used to achieve improved emissions, air quality, and health impact outcomes.

If awarded the EPA CPRG Phase II, the El Paso MPO will work together with the City of El Paso to include the Paso del Norte Trail Project in the El Paso MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in accordance with 23 U.S.C. §§ 134 and 135.

We sincerely thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to reach me at (915) 212-0258 or ecalvo@elpasompo.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Calvo, AICP
Executive Director



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March 20, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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Sincerely,

Mayor Andres Renteria



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE

Joanna E. MacKenzie

March 12, 2024

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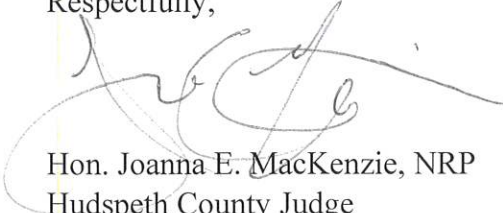
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Respectfully,



Hon. Joanna E. MacKenzie, NRP
Hudspeth County Judge



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Friday, March 22, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
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I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Annette Gutierrez
Executive Director





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March 12, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

***Subject: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
Implementation program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project***

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I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,

Anthony D. Turner, MPH
Honorable Mayor
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TOWN OF CLINT TEXAS

March 18, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation Program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project

Dear Administrator Reagan,

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I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,

Ramon Cano Jr
Mayor
Town of Clint



Rachael Quintana, Mayor
City Council:
Victor Carrejo, Place 1
Perry Duby, Place 2
Paula Monrreal, Place 3
Lourdes Cloud, Place 4
Santos Lucero, Place 5

March 19, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
Implementation Program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project**


Dear Administrator Reagan,

The Village of Vinton is writing to express its full support for the City of El Paso, Texas, and their application for the CPRG Paso del Norte Trail Project. The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project, an 80+-mile trail and climate mitigation improvements initiative, is a crucial endeavor that addresses longstanding air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, transportation needs and community health in the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), Texas.

Low Income/Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) will benefit significantly from this grant. The scope of work is based on multiple studies and final engineering design documents and includes trail development and improvements, green infrastructure, storm management carbon sinks, ADA improvements, bicycle improvements, solar lighting, air quality monitoring, and irrigation improvements. This project will proactively address GHG emissions and air pollutants reduction, transportation, and health challenges throughout the community.

The Village of Vinton supports their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. We ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,



Rachel Quintana
Mayor
Village of Vinton, TX

Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Department of Community Development
332 Alton Griffin Rd. El Paso TX 79907 915-859-9196

March 11, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project

Dear Administrator Reagan,

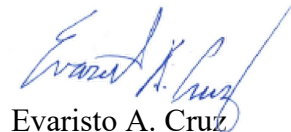
I am writing to express the full support of the Community Development Department of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo towards the City of El Paso, Texas, and their application for the CPRG Paso del Norte Trail Project.

The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project, encompassing an 80+-mile trail and climate mitigation improvements initiative, stands as an important project addressing longstanding air quality concerns, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, transportation needs, and community health within the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), Texas.

Of particular importance is the significant benefit to Low Income/Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) that will result from this grant. The scope of work, outlined in multiple studies and final engineering design documents, includes trail development and enhancements, green infrastructure deployment, storm management carbon sinks, ADA improvements, bicycle infrastructure upgrades, solar lighting installations, air quality monitoring systems, and irrigation enhancements. This comprehensive approach will tackle GHG emissions, reduce air pollutants, and alleviate transportation and health challenges throughout the community.

I endorse the City of El Paso's forthcoming application for the CPRG implementation grant. I kindly urge you to afford their application your full and fair consideration, in alignment with applicable laws and regulations.

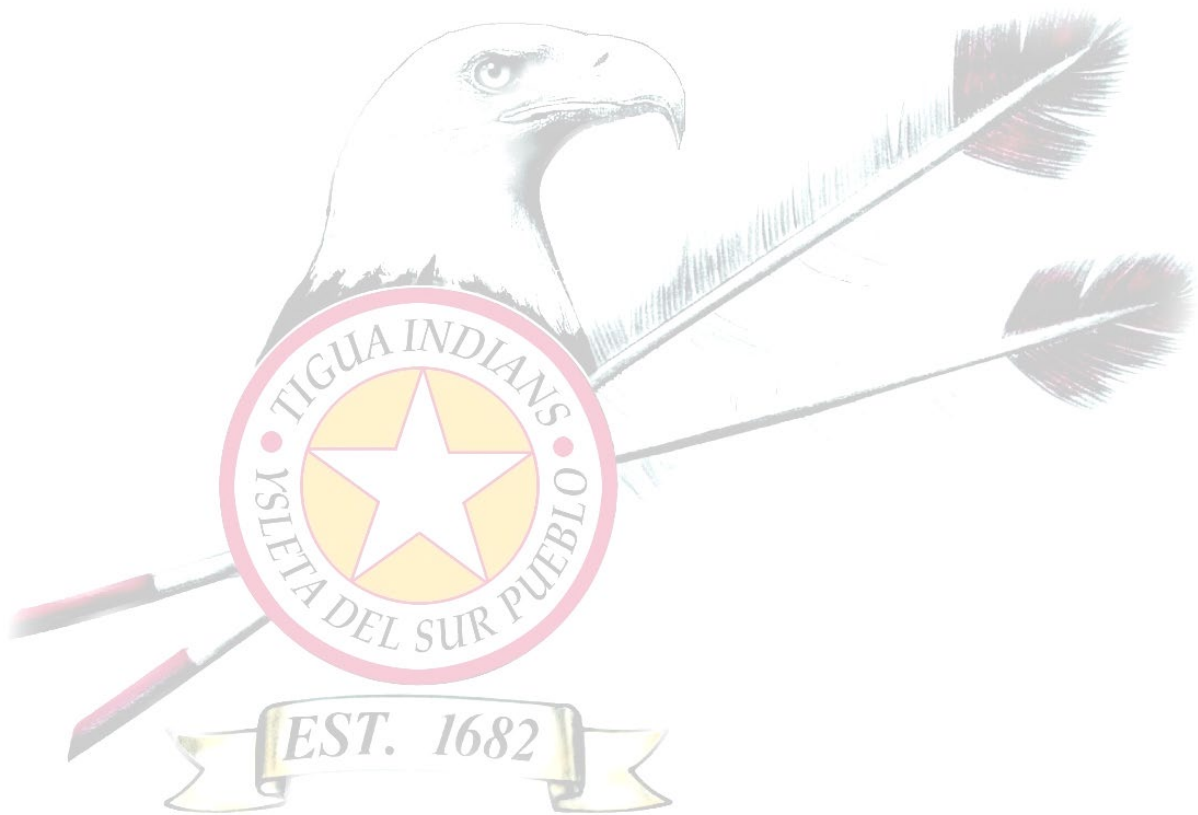
Respectfully submitted,



Evaristo A. Cruz
Director
Community Development
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

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March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Letter of Support for the City of El Paso's Paso del Norte Trail Project Grant Application to the 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation Program

Dear Administrator Reagan,

As the Executive Director of the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA), I am writing to express my full support for the City of El Paso, Texas, and their Paso del Norte Trail Project application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program. The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project, an 80+ mile trail and climate mitigation improvements initiative, is a crucial endeavor that addresses longstanding air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, transportation needs, and community health in the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area of Texas.

If the City is successful, I believe that our area's low income/disadvantaged communities will benefit significantly. As I understand it, the scope of work for the proposed project is based on multiple studies and final engineering design documents and includes trail development and improvements, green infrastructure, storm management carbon sinks, ADA improvements, bicycle options and improvements, solar lighting, air quality monitoring, and irrigation improvements. As envisioned, this project would proactively address GHG emissions and air pollutants reduction, as well as transportation and health challenges throughout our community.

I am therefore fully supportive of the City's application to the CPRG implementation grant. Please let me know of any way that I can help support this effort and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Raymond L. Telles
Executive Director



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
UNITED STATES SECTION

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

March 13, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

**Subject: Letter of acknowledgement for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction
Grants Implementation Program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project**

Dear Administrator Reagan,

The International and Boundary Commission, United States Section (USIBWC) has had initial discussions with the project proponent, the City of El Paso, Texas, regarding the implementation of the proposed 80-mile CPRG Paso del Norte Trail Project, a trail project that includes a portion along the Rio Grande corridor.

The USIBWC owns, operates, and maintains the property along the Rio Grande in southern New Mexico and west Texas. The Rio Grande Canalization Project (RGCP) was authorized by the Act of Congress approved June 4, 1936 (Public Law 648, 49 Stat 1463), and the Rio Grande Rectification Project was established by the 1933 Convention with Mexico. Additionally, the USIBWC has been authorized by Congress to lease any land which is part of the flood control projects. The USIBWC has issued many leases of land to municipal entities for the purpose of establishing recreational parks along the river.

The project will use existing studies to develop final engineering design documents that include trail development and improvements, green infrastructure, storm management carbon sinks, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, bicycle improvements, solar lighting, air quality monitoring, green infrastructure, storm management carbon sinks, and irrigation improvements. As landowners of the river corridor section, USIBWC's role may involve sharing data and models required for developing the design and reviewing the design to ensure, for example, that the structural integrity of the flood protection levees is not compromised. The City of El Paso would be responsible for any required regulatory permits, environmental compliance, water rights, and agency coordination. Once the team has an acceptable design, the City of El Paso would apply to the USIBWC Realty Office for an easement or lease of land to implement the project.

The CPRG Paso del Norte Trail Project proposes to connect various parts of the El Paso metropolitan areas, including Low Income/Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC), to the Rio Grande corridor, while improving climate mitigation and proactively addressing greenhouse gas

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(GHG) emissions and air pollutants reduction, transportation, and health challenges throughout the community. The USIBWC acknowledges the positive benefits of this project and will work with the City of El Paso should it be considered for selection. Please contact me at (915) 832-4702 or to gilbert.anaya@ibwc.gov for additional information.

Sincerely,



Gilbert G. Anaya, Ph.D.

Division Chief

Environmental Management Division



March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project

Dear Administrator Reagan,

I am writing to express my full support for the City of El Paso, Texas, and their application for the CPRG Paso del Norte Trail Project. The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project, a 80+-mile trail and climate mitigation improvements initiative, is a crucial endeavor that addresses longstanding air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, transportation needs and community health in the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), Texas.

Low Income/Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) will benefit significantly from this grant. The scope of work is based on multiple studies and final engineering design documents and includes trail development and improvements, green infrastructure, storm management carbon sinks, ADA improvements, bicycle improvements, solar lighting, air quality monitoring, and irrigation improvements. This project will proactively address GHG emissions and air pollutants reduction, transportation and health challenges throughout the community.

I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,

Lois Balin, Urban Wildlife Biologist
Texas Parks and Wildlife

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El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society

P.O. Box 972441, El Paso, Texas 79997

March 22, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation Program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project

Dear Administrator Reagan,

I am writing to express our organization's full support for the City of El Paso, Texas, and their application for the CPRG Paso del Norte Trail Project. The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project, an 80+-mile trail and climate mitigation improvements initiative, is a significant endeavor that addresses longstanding air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, transportation needs and community health in the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), Texas.

As a Low Income/Disadvantaged Community (LIDAC), the greater Paso del Norte region will greatly benefit from this grant. The scope of work is based on multiple studies and final engineering design documents and includes trail development and improvements to help reduce dependence on gasoline powered vehicles thereby reducing CO2 emissions, increasing green infrastructure, implementing storm water management carbon sinks, providing ADA improvements, creating bicycle route improvements, installing solar lighting and air quality monitoring stations, and making irrigation infrastructure improvements. This project will proactively address GHG emissions and air pollutants reduction, transportation and health challenges throughout the community.

We are in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,



Scott Cutler
Board Member & President
El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society



March 19, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project

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I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,

Executive Director



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March 26, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Subject: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project

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We anticipate that Low Income/Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC) will benefit significantly from this grant. The scope of work is based on multiple studies and final engineering design documents and includes trail development and improvements, green infrastructure, storm management carbon sinks, ADA improvements, bicycle improvements, solar lighting, and irrigation improvements. This project will proactively address GHG emissions and air pollutants reduction, transportation and health challenges throughout the community.

I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. I ask that you give your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to the City of El Paso's application to the CPRG implementation program.

Sincerely,

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Cristina M. Domínguez
Executive Director, Co-Founder



March 11, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of support for City of El Paso 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation program Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project

Dear Administrator Reagan,

On behalf of the Paso del Norte Health Foundation, I am writing to express my full support for the City of El Paso, Texas, and their application for the CPRG Paso del Norte Trail Project. The proposed Paso del Norte Trail Project, an 80+-mile trail and climate mitigation improvements initiative, is a crucial endeavor that addresses longstanding air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, transportation needs and community health in the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), Texas.

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I am in full support of their upcoming application to the CPRG implementation grant. We appreciate your full consideration of the City of El Paso's application.

Sincerely,

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Tracy J. Yellen
Chief Executive Officer



March 22, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Reagan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

*The Center for
Environmental
Resource
Management*

Re: 2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Implementation Program

Subject: Letter of Support for City of El Paso Application for Paso del Norte Trail Project

Dear Administrator Reagan,

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The University of Texas at El Paso, on behalf of the City of El Paso, manages Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, a 372-acre city park and natural area. We look forward to the park's trail system ultimately linking with the Paso del Norte Trail.

I fully support the City of El Paso's upcoming application for a CPRG implementation grant. Please give it your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John Sproul'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'John' and last name 'Sproul' clearly distinguishable.

John Sproul
Program Coordinator / Manager
Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

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