



# REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**MEETING DATE:**

June 16, 2021

**DEPARTMENT:**

City Administration

**DIVISION**

Administration

**STRATEGIC OUTCOMES**

- ☒ Safe & Prosperous
- ☐ Active & Appealing
- ☐ Respected & Responsible
- ☒ Connected & Engaged
- ☒ Unique & Creative

**ACTION**

- ☐ Motion
- ☒ Resolution
- ☐ Ordinance - Introduction
- ☐ Ordinance - Adoption
- ☐ Public Hearing

**TITLE:**

Resolution of Support: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Transportation Discretionary Grants Program

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution supporting the application for a federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Discretionary Grants program, to complete the development of a Multi-Modal Transportation Center in downtown Yuma at the historic Hotel Del Sol. (Administration) (Madeleine Coil)

**STRATEGIC OUTCOME:**

The resolution supporting submittal of a RAISE Transportation Discretionary Grant furthers the City Council's vision and strategic outcomes as it relates to Safe and Prosperous, Connected and Engaged, and Unique and Creative. The grant supported project is a multi-modal facility, which aligns with the Safe and Prosperous strategic outcome due to the enhancement of local transit which supports economic development, creates transportation systems that support employment and education attainment for citizens, and is Unique and Creative as the project involves adaptive reuse of an historic hotel that will transform downtown Yuma. The Connected and Engaged strategic outcome is also supported as the project enhances transit amenities for new and existing riders and connects new transportation options to the community and engages forward-looking partnerships.

**REPORT:**

City staff are collaborating with multiple departments/divisions and various local outside agencies to submit a grant application that reflects the best efforts of the City of Yuma and its needs. In May 2020, the City submitted its seventh grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) seeking funds to support the development of a Multi-Modal Transportation Center in downtown Yuma, under the federal BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants program. The City's application made it all the way through to the Transportation Secretary's desk for final approval last year. However, in September 2020, the City was informed the application was not selected as one of the final awardees.

On April 13, 2021, DOT announced the availability of \$1 billion in Infrastructure Grant Funds through the RAISE grant program. RAISE funding can support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation and will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that have a significant local or regional impact. The City wishes to apply for this funding opportunity to support the ongoing efforts to develop a Multi-Modal Transportation Center at the Hotel Del Sol in downtown Yuma.

**Multi-Modal Background History:**

A 1995-2015 Countywide Transportation Study (Study) was prepared by local planning and transportation stakeholders to address the transportation needs for residents and visitors. The Study recognized the need for public transportation services within Yuma County, in addition to the existing private inter-city bus services and Amtrak rail services. Creating a safe and convenient place to accommodate rail passengers sparked the need for an additional feasibility study.

The Yuma Multi-Modal Transportation Study/Feasibility Study was completed in 2010. This study was conducted with input from private consultants, local transportation agencies, City and County governments, the general public, surrounding border communities and other community stakeholders to further evaluate how to improve transportation mobility throughout the community and region, raise the image and profile of transportation services, stimulate economic development and redevelopment in adjacent areas, and enhance the communities' local historic and architectural heritage. One of the conclusions of the Yuma Multi-Modal Transportation Study/Feasibility Study was that a Multi-Modal Transportation Center was needed for the Yuma region.

Out of 16 potential sites identified for a Center, the Hotel Del Sol in downtown Yuma was selected as the final site based on the criteria of location, the relationship to existing transportation services, the potential to complement the surrounding area, safety, cost-effectiveness, and land availability. The Hotel Del Sol currently serves as the Yuma County Area Transit's main transfer point for riders to walk downtown or connect to another route in the system.

The City supports transportation efforts to provide the community with alternate methods to get to and from school, work and daily events. The City further supports and recognizes the need to help create opportunities for economic revitalization in the region.

Transforming the historic Hotel Del Sol for use as a Multi-Modal Transportation Center will enhance transit access to the downtown area. The Multi-Modal Transportation Center will serve several modes of transportation, help revitalize the heart of the City and support the community's transportation needs. The project is also anticipated to promote private sector development by incorporating prime commercial space into the facility and surrounding properties.

FISCAL REQUIREMENTS	CITY FUNDS:	\$0.00	BUDGETED:	\$0.00
	STATE FUNDS:	\$0.00	AVAILABLE TO TRANSFER:	\$0.00
	FEDERAL FUNDS:	\$0.00	IN CONTINGENCY:	\$0.00
	OTHER SOURCES:	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	FUNDING FOR THIS ITEM IS FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT/FUND/CIP:	
	TOTAL:	\$0.00		
	FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION NOT ATTACHED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM THAT IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:			
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	IF CITY COUNCIL ACTION INCLUDES A CONTRACT, LEASE OR AGREEMENT, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUTING THE DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE AFTER CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL?			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Department <input type="checkbox"/> City Clerk's Office <input type="checkbox"/> Document to be recorded <input type="checkbox"/> Document to be codified			
SIGNATURES	CITY ADMINISTRATOR:			DATE:
	Philip A. Rodriguez			
	REVIEWED BY CITY ATTORNEY:			DATE:
	Richard W. Files			6/8/2021
	RECOMMENDED BY (DEPT/DIV HEAD):			DATE:
SIGNATURES	WRITTEN/SUBMITTED BY:			DATE: