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NEWS RELEASE

City Continues to Acquire Property for Multipurpose Performing Arts and Entertainment Center

EL PASO, Texas – The City of El Paso continues to acquire property within the Multipurpose Performing Arts and Entertainment Center (MPC) footprint.

In keeping its promise to voters to deliver the facility in downtown, the City will work with the property owner of five parcels in the footprint to modify the terms of pending land acquisition agreement. The change would allow the City to acquire the properties without site readiness clauses.

"We are committed to this project. By modifying this land acquisition agreement we are positioning the City to proceed with the purchase of these parcels," Sam Rodriguez, Capital Improvements Department Director, said.

The properties are located at: 215 Paisano, 308 Chihuahua, 312 Chihuahua, 216 Overland, 220 Overland. All of which are vacant.

"We want to be ready to proceed with the design and construction of the project upon the conclusion of the pending proceedings," Mayor Dee Margo said.

The MPC is the largest of the three signature bond projects overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2012. A total of 102,358 people voted in favor of the bond project, representing 71.67 percent of the votes cast in the election. The ordinance calling for the election stated the multipurpose center would be located in downtown.

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