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# City Earns Over \$13 Million Federal Grant for Shared-Use Path Project

**EL PASO, Texas**—The City of El Paso was awarded a \$13.39 million transportation grant to design and construct a new shared-use-path in South El Paso.

The Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) grant was issued by the Texas Department of Transportation. The TASA Program provides federal funds for projects that enhance transportation for non-motorized users and improve safety. These funds are used for projects that create bike paths, walkable areas, restore trails, and improve pedestrian access.

The City of El Paso received the grant as part of the TASA's fiscal year 2025 call for projects, a competitive process that includes communities throughout Texas, with over 220 eligible project applications.

The investment will allow the City team to design and construct new shared-use pathways along segments of Magoffin Avenue, Piedras Street, and Paisano Drive from Cotton to the Bridge of the Americas.

Shared-use paths provide safe, separate spaces for non-motorized travel and recreation, promote healthy lifestyles, strong community connections, and sustainable transportation. They offer a space for people of all ages and abilities to walk, bike, or use wheelchairs without being in the road with cars, while also serving as valuable community assets that link parks, businesses, and schools.

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The City recently completed a shared-use pathway project, which was part of a \$1.6 million-dollar investment plan that helped rebuild Magoffin Avenue from San Antonio Avenue to Cotton Street, in a manner that is more conducive to walking and biking. The project converted the existing three-lane street into a two-lane street, which contains a parkway with landscaping and trees, decorative street lighting, ADA-accessible ramps and parking on both sides of the street.

The project enhances safety of the area through several key elements including the installation of new pedestrian signal improvements at the intersection of Magoffin Avenue and Cotton Street, which allows pedestrians to safely cross the street. A parking area was constructed between the shared use path and the roadway, which creates a barrier between bicyclists and motorists and improves safety for both pedestrians and cyclists.

These projects represent an ongoing investment in the City's goal to beautify and reshape the visual identity of El Paso's comprehensive regional transportation system for the benefit of the community.

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