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El Paso International Airport to Celebrate Completion of Major Solar Canopy Projects

Improvements Reduce Energy Use, Expand Shaded Parking and Advance Long-Term Sustainability Goals

WHO: El Paso International Airport
WHAT: Solar Canopy Project Completion Ceremony
WHEN: 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2026
WHERE: Airport Short-Term Parking Lot Plaza, 6701 Convair Rd.

El Paso International Airport (ELP) invites the public to a ceremony celebrating the completion of two major solar canopy projects located above the Rental Car Center and the Premium Reserved Parking Lot.

Together, the projects include 5,200 solar panels and approximately 2.9 megawatts of solar capacity, making this one of the largest municipal solar installations in El Paso. The new canopies cover more than 144,000 square feet of parking and airport infrastructure, providing shade while helping reduce energy use and support the airport's long-term sustainability and resiliency goals.

Funding for the projects was provided in part through federal grants, including:

- \$3 million from the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program for the Rental Car Center solar installation
- \$1.75 million in Community Project Funding from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Premium Reserved Parking solar canopy

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PARKING INFORMATION FOR MEDIA:

- Parking will be validated
- Drive into parking lot (license plates will be captured automatically upon entry)
- Take a picture of your license plate and show to parking validator at the event
- Alternately, you can send your license plate of the vehicle parking in advance of arrival by emailing Tammy Fonce at FonceTD@elpasotexas.gov or Cassandra Davisson at DavissonCS@elpasotexas.gov
- If Short-term lot is full, please park in the Long-term lot



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