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El Paso International Airport Secures Federal Grant for General Aviation Apron Rehabilitation

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso is pleased to announce that El Paso International Airport (ELP) has been awarded a \$10.6 million grant under the Fiscal Year 2024 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) Round 8.

The funding is part of a \$427 million funding initiative by the Biden-Harris Administration to enhance airport infrastructure nationwide.

The grant will fund the rehabilitation of the ELP General Aviation (GA) apron pavement, which although well-maintained, has not had major repairs in over 30 years. The project will further improve safety and efficiency for airport users and aircraft by enhancing drainage, providing a more reliable pavement, and reducing Foreign Object Debris (FOD) potential.

The project will be carried out in three stages, with construction on the first stage expected to begin in FY 2025. Phase One will rehabilitate approximately 140,000 square yards of pavement around the taxi lane and apron areas.

The grant will support the much-needed rehabilitation of the ELP General Aviation (GA) apron pavement, which, while well-maintained, has not undergone major repairs in over 30 years.

The project is set to enhance safety and operational efficiency at the Airport by improving drainage, delivering a more reliable pavement surface, and minimizing the risk of Foreign Object Debris (FOD). The project will be executed in three phases, with construction on the first phase expected to commence in FY 2025. Phase one will focus on rehabilitating approximately 140,000 square yards of pavement in the taxi lane and apron areas.

“We are thrilled to receive this vital grant which will ensure that El Paso International Airport continues to meet the highest standards of safety and efficiency,” said Mayor Oscar Leeser. “This investment underscores our commitment to maintaining top-notch infrastructure that supports both our general aviation and commercial operations.”

“As the only Member of Congress from our Texas region to vote for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, I’m thrilled about this funding for critical airport improvements,” said Congresswoman Veronica Escobar. “House Democrats set out to repair crumbling infrastructure and invest in our future, and the millions of dollars in federal funding we’ve seen allocated to our airport are a broader reflection of our commitment. As our community grows and our airport continues to receive more passengers, these funds will go a long way towards improving efficiency and setting its infrastructure up for success in the years to come.”

For more information about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Infrastructure Grants and the specific projects supported by this funding at El Paso International Airport, visit the Federal Aviation Administration’s website at <https://www.faa.gov/newsroom/biden-harris-administration-announces-427-million-grants-bipartisan-infrastructure-law>.

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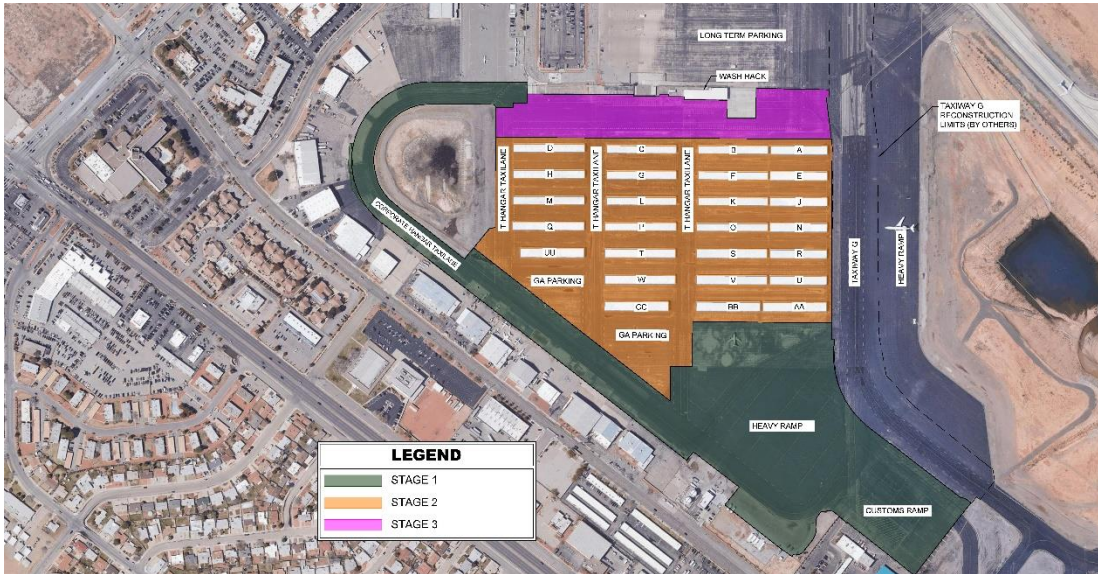
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Map depicting the areas and project phases.

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