



CITY OF EL PASO

# Challenges in Transportation Funding

## Strategic and Legislative Affairs

# Discussion: Challenges in Transportation Funding

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- Impact of Executive Orders and Federal Agency Actions on Local Projects
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# Why This Matters to TXITE

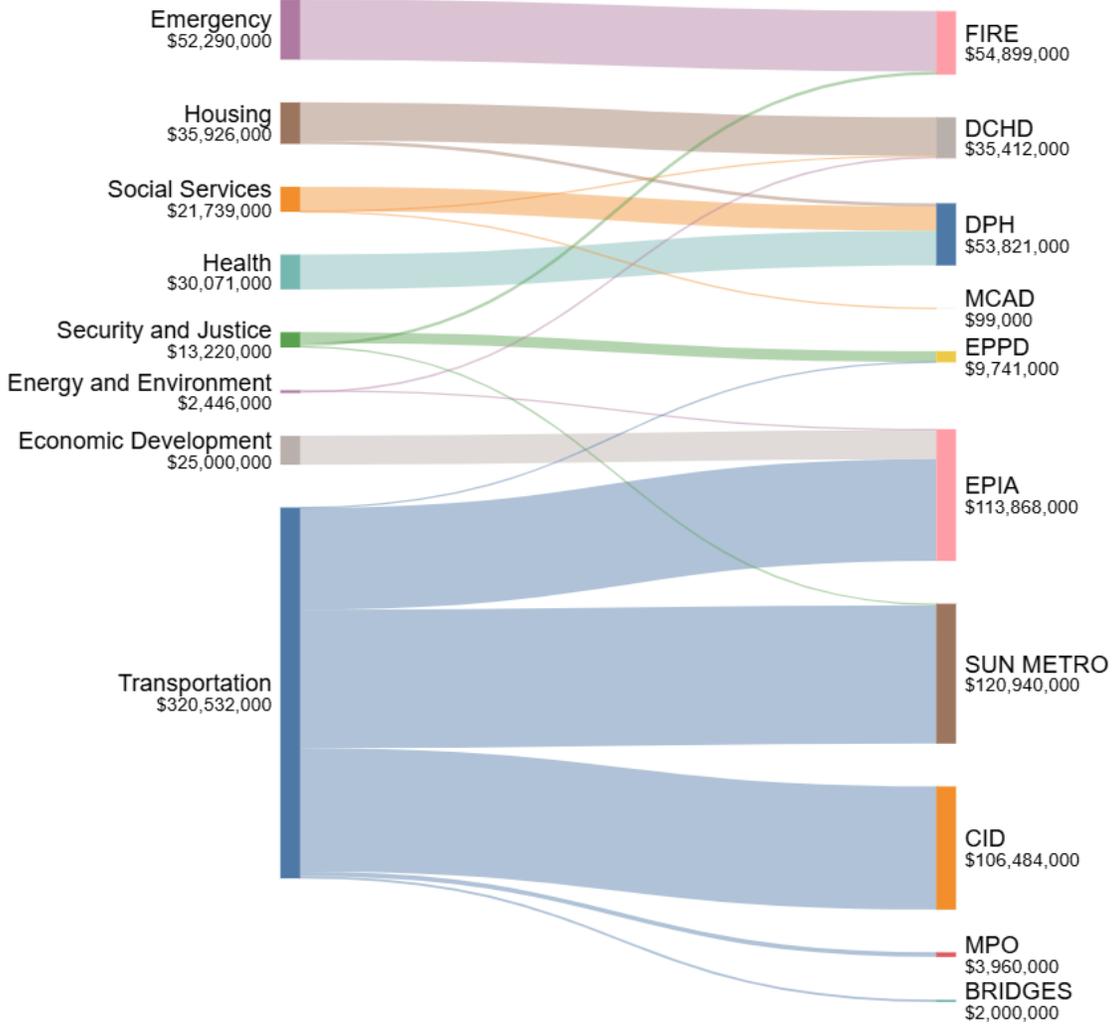


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Texas District

*This presentation matters to TXITE because it connects federal policy uncertainty to real-world transportation engineering and planning challenges in Texas:*

- Shifting federal policies and grant rescissions are directly reshaping the way Texas communities plan and deliver transportation projects
- Funding uncertainty directly affects RFQs, RFPs, and the availability of contracts—impacting employment and opportunities for TXITE members
- New and veteran transportation professionals will have to adapt

# City of El Paso Grants Portfolio



## Transportation accounts for the majority of City of El Paso Grants (FY23-FY25)

- Citywide: \$505+ million
- USDOT: \$320+ million (63.5%)
- Includes FHWA passthrough via TXDOT

## Incoming Grants (FY26)

- Citywide: \$80+ million
- USDOT: \$73+ million (92%)



*\*note: other not shown, includes the treasury and other federal programs amounting to \$4,115,299*

# Rescinded or Suspended City Grant Awards

From a cumulative \$585 million grants portfolio, **\$20+ million (3.4%)** in funding lost due to federal actions (as of 6/30/25):

- \$8,250,000 (incoming grants)
- \$11,784,461 (awarded grants)

## Project / Program Areas:

- FY25 Appropriations
- DEI-related
- Public Health
- Migrant response



# Executive Orders and Federal Agency Actions Impacting City Projects

Executive Actions and Acts of Congress impacted the City Grants Portfolio, including:

- **H.R.1 One Big Beautiful Bill Act**  
(Congress eliminated funding programs)
- **Unleashing American Energy**  
(energy policy shifts)
- **Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing**  
(regulatory freezes and rescissions)

# Rescinded: PDN and Stanton Ports Feasibility Study (\$2 million)

## H.R.1 One Big Beautiful Bill Act

### Scope of Work

T1: Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan

T2: Analysis of Needs and Demands

T3: Pedestrian Safety and Amenities Infrastructure Analysis

T4: Traffic Control Infrastructure and Requirements Analysis

T5: Bridges Conceptual Design and Expansion Gap Analysis

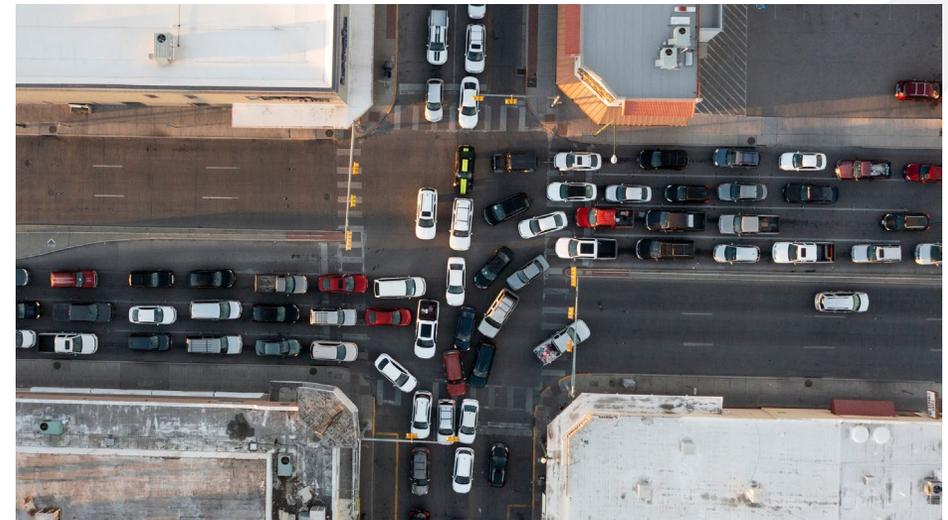
T6: Infrastructure Cost Estimates

T7: Alternatives and Constraints Analysis

T8: Benefit-Cost Analysis

T9: Environmental Summary

T10: Final Report



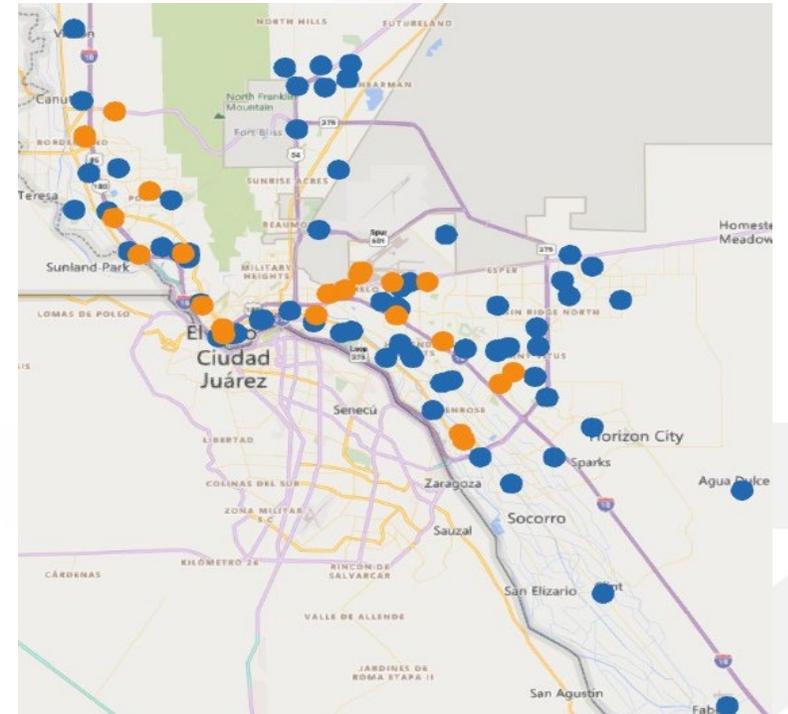
# Paused: El Paso EV Charging Network (\$15 million)

## EO: Unleashing American Energy

### Scope of Work

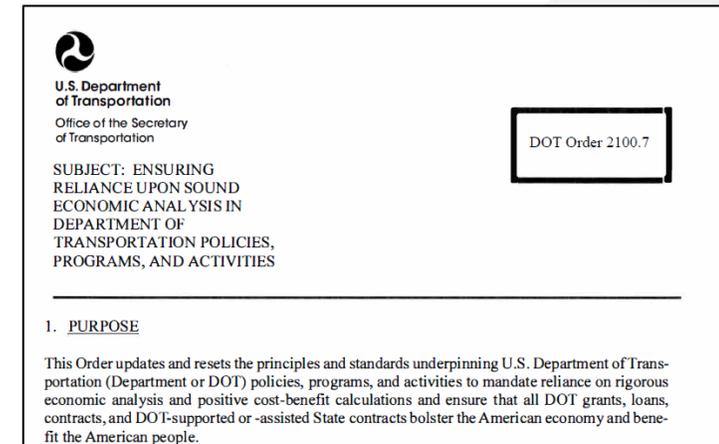
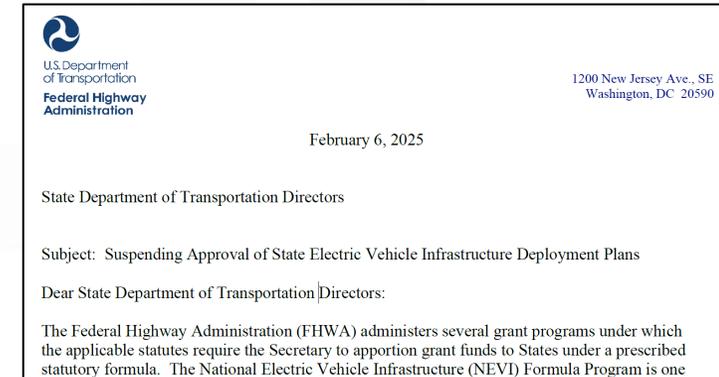
- T1: Program Administration
- T2: Procurement (72 charging stations)
- T3: EV Infrastructure Design
- T4: Installation and Testing
- T5: EV Charger Payment and Accessibility Integration
- T6: Establishing O&M Standards
- T7: Operational Launch and Monitoring
- T8: Long-Term EV Program Management and Evaluation

### El Paso EV Charging Locations (2023)



# Executive Orders and Federal Agency Actions Impacting Local Projects

- Certain federal agencies and their grant programs have been abolished
- Grant extensions and deadlines being scrutinized
- Some grant extension requests denied
- Some federal agencies are stopping or canceling funding under programs that no longer align with agency goals
- There are still many court cases challenging federal agency decisions



# Lessons for Transportation Professionals

1. Design project scopes of work and timelines flexible enough to survive federal changes
2. Build coalitions to defend key funding streams including government, academia, private sector
3. Prepare teams to adapt quickly to shifting state and federal priorities
4. Recognize the link between grantmaking policy and transportation project delivery

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Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life & place for our community.



## VISION

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe & beautiful neighborhoods, & exceptional recreational, cultural & educational opportunities



## VALUES

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