

**RESOLUTION BY  
THE EL PASO COUNTY HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION (EPC HAC)  
EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND ENDORSING THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION COLORADO HIGHWAY 83 ACCESS CONTROL PLAN**

**September 15, 2021**

**WHEREAS, the Colorado Highway 83 Access Control Plan (Plan) was developed by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in collaboration with El Paso County (EPC) and the City of Colorado Springs; and**

**WHEREAS, the Plan addresses Colorado Highway 83 between Powers Boulevard and County Line Road, approximately 9.85 miles, that currently contains 72 individual access locations; and**

**WHEREAS, between December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2019 there were 333 recorded vehicle crash events along this 9.85 mile stretch of Colorado Highway 83; and**

**WHEREAS, future traffic growth without access controls may result in an increase in the number, frequency and severity of crashes along this 9.85 mile stretch of Colorado Highway 83; and**

**WHEREAS, the Plan will provide CDOT, EPC, and the City of Colorado Springs with a tool to help make Highway 83 access decisions during future development and/or redevelopment and to help streamline the access permitting process; and**

**WHEREAS, the Plan supports the need to optimize the number, location, and design of access points on Colorado Highway 83 for the long term; and**

**WHEREAS, the Planning process provided citizens the opportunity to review and provide input on the plan including public meetings, websites, emails and one-on-one meetings.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Highway Advisory Commission of El Paso County, Colorado endorses and recommends adoption of the final Colorado Highway 83 Access Control Plan**

**RESOLVED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the EPC HAC this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.**



**Lawrence (Larry) C Tobias, Chairperson  
EPC HAC**

**EPC HAC Voting members: 11**

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1

**RESOLUTION BY  
THE EL PASO COUNTY HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION (EPC HAC)  
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A NOVEMBER 2021 ELECTION QUESTION REQUESTING  
VOTER APPROVAL TO RESET THE BASE REVENUE AMOUNT TO WHICH TABOR  
SPENDING LIMITATIONS ARE APPLIED WITHOUT RAISING TAXES**

**September 15, 2021**

**WHEREAS, the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, codified in Section 20 of Article X of the Colorado Constitution (TABOR), imposes certain revenue and spending limitations upon county government; and**

**WHEREAS, TABOR allows voters to approve revenue changes which permit a county to retain excess revenue collected above its annual limit and spend the same; and**

**WHEREAS, the EPC HAC values the principles of democracy which give citizens the opportunity to direct local government action and the use of tax revenue; and**

**WHEREAS, El Paso County received approximately \$7.1 million of revenue in 2020 in excess of the limit established by TABOR, and the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners (Board) has determined to refund such excess revenue to property taxpayers; and**

**WHEREAS, the EPC HAC supports the initiative to seek approval from the voters for El Paso County to retain additional revenue in 2021 and future years by resetting the base revenue amount to which TABOR limitations on spending are calculated but continuing to apply those TABOR limitations on spending each year.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Highway Advisory Commission of El Paso County, Colorado as follows:**

**1. The EPC HAC hereby endorses Board action to certify the following question to be placed on the 2021 coordinated election ballot:**

**WITHOUT IMPOSING NEW TAXES OR RAISING TAX RATES, AND UNDERSTANDING THAT APPROXIMATELY \$7.1 MILLION IN EXCESS 2020 COUNTY REVENUE WILL BE REFUNDED TO PROPERTY TAXPAYERS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THIS MEASURE PASSES, SHALL EL PASO COUNTY BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN AND SPEND IN THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER AN AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT EXCEEDS CURRENT TABOR LIMITATIONS BUT IS NO GREATER THAN THE COUNTY REVENUE CAP, WHICH CONTINUES TO LIMIT FUTURE REVENUE GROWTH AS PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION NO. 21-330, PROVIDED THAT UP TO THE FIRST \$15 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE RETAINED SHALL BE USED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS AND PRESERVATION AND PARKS PROJECTS?**

**2. If approved by the voters, the EPC HAC endorses the plan that the first \$15 million in additional revenue retained under this measure shall be allocated to broadly benefit citizens throughout El Paso County for the following purposes:**

**a. Roadway Improvements and Preservation on County roads - \$13 Million  
Examples of priority work include, but are not limited to: (i) Bear Creek Road, (ii) Black**

Forest Road (North of Hodgen), (iii) Blaney Road South, (iv) Bradley Road, (v) Burgess Road, (vi) Chipita Park Road, (vii) Date Street, (viii) Fairplay Drive, (ix) Galley Road East, (x) Grinnell Boulevard, (xi) Lake Woodmoor Drive, (xii) Leather Chaps Drive, (xiii) Meridian Road North, (xiv) Old Stage Road, (xv) Paint Mine Road, (xvi) Spiritwood Loop and, (xvii) Walker Road.

b. Parks Projects, including capital projects, trail preservation and wildfire mitigation - \$2 Million Examples of priority work include, but are not limited to: (i) Bear Creek Park 91, (ii) Fox Run Park, including a northern Nature Center, (iii) Paint Mines, (iv) Fountain Creek Regional Trail, (v) The Pineries and, (vi) Ute Pass Regional Trail.

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