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The Texas Department of Transportation is withholding \$1.6 million in federal CMAQ funds from El Paso’s Bike Share program.

What is CMAQ?

- The Congestion and Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program, jointly administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), was created to support transportation projects and other related efforts that improve air quality and reduce congestion.

Do we qualify for these funds?

- El Paso is one of 24 counties, out of 254, designated by TxDOT as a nonattainment zone, a designation that requires special consideration for air quality improvement projects.

How would Bike Share help us?

- If 5% of El Pasoans commuting by car switched to biking to work, they could save 131 million pounds of CO2 emissions per year, equivalent to the amount reduced by planting a forest twice the size of the Franklin Mountains State Park.

Other U.S. cities that have invested federal funds into bike share programs just like El Paso’s

City	Funding	City	Funding
Washington DC <i>Capital Bikeshare</i>	CMAQ	Boston <i>Hubway</i>	CMAQ FTA
Chicago <i>Divvy</i>	CMAQ	San Antonio <i>San Antonio B-Cycle</i>	Environmental Protection Agency
Fort Worth <i>Fort Worth B-Cycle</i>	FTA TxDOT	El Paso <i>N/A</i>	CMAQ*

*Pending approval by the Texas Transportation Commission.

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“Don’t mess with El Paso Bike Share #freethefunds”