

## A YEAR IN REVIEW

### CONGRESSWOMAN ESCOBAR JOINS VA HEALTH CARE CENTER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

In August, Congresswoman Escobar joined the groundbreaking ceremony for the new VA Health Care Center. This new \$600 million facility will provide primary & specialized care, mental health

support, surgery, and more to the nearly 50,000 veterans living in our community.\* “It is an honor to work for our veterans,” **said the Congresswoman.** “This investment in our veterans wasn’t easy - only two of us

who represent El Paso (Senator John Cornyn and I) supported the funding. Along with the Pact Act, which I also voted in favor of, we are seeing historic investment in healthcare for our veterans.”

\*According to the 2020 Census



Above: Congresswoman Escobar celebrates during the ground-breaking ceremony.

Left: Congresswoman Escobar delivers remarks during the ground-breaking ceremony.

## 2024: By the Numbers

A photograph of a woman in a blue blazer and colorful striped skirt, likely a congresswoman, smiling and interacting with a group of people seated at a table. The setting appears to be a community center or a meeting room. There are various items on the table, including a water bottle, a hand sanitizer bottle, and a bingo card. The background shows a door and some wall-mounted items.

**Federal Dollars Brought to El Paso: Over \$561 Million**

**Federal Dollars Returned to El Pasoans: \$4.2 million**

**El Pasoans assisted with the federal government:  
Over 1,300**

**Legislation written or supported by the  
Congresswoman: 352**

**Responses to Letters: Over 18,700**



## Congresswoman Escobar Secures Millions in Federal Funding for the El Paso International Airport

In August, and the millions of these funds will go a long way towards improving efficiency and setting its infrastructure up for success in the years to come.”

Congresswoman Escobar announced funding we’ve seen to our airport are a broader reflection of our commitment,” **said** Congresswoman Escobar.

“House Democrats set out to repair crumbling infrastructure and invest in our future, “As our community grows and our airport continues to receive more passengers, Congresswoman Escobar was the only member of Congress from our Texas region to vote for the legislation that made this funding possible.”

Right: Congresswoman Escobar stands with City and Airport leaders to celebrate the \$10.6 million in federal funding for the El Paso airport .



## Congresswoman Escobar Leads Local School Districts in Climate Friendly Initiatives, Secures Funding for Electric Buses

In 2024, Escobar joined SISD made funding possible for Canutillo as they celebrated possible for Canutillo Escobar helped the 25 federally ISD to purchase eight secure funding for funded electric electric school buses for Socorro ISD and result of the Congresswoman Canutillo ISD. Bipartisan Escobar was the only Announced in July, Infrastructure Law. member of Congress Congresswoman This same legislation from our region to vote for this funding.

Below: Congresswoman Escobar gives remarks and joins ribbon cutting for SISD.





## Congresswoman Escobar Votes for Social Security Fairness, Fights for Teachers, Police Officers, Government Employees, and More



Left:  
Congresswoman Escobar speaks with a Sheriff's deputy and inspects a vehicle during a tour of a their headquarters

In November, a bipartisan majority of the U.S. House voted to pass the Social Security Fairness Act, bipartisan legislation to eliminate the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO). These two provisions, which were added to the Social Security Act in 1983, unfairly reduce or eliminate earned Social Security benefits for more than 2.5 million Americans who've devoted their careers to public service – including police officers, firefighters, teachers, and federal, state, and local government employees. Congresswoman Escobar voted to ensure these public servants get back every penny that they earned.

## Congresswoman Escobar Celebrates Democrats' Victory Over Pharmaceutical Companies Through the Capping of Insulin at \$35

In March, **said Congresswoman Escobar.** “Too many families have known the struggles of unaffordable healthcare, and with its provisions like capping insulin prices, people like Mr. Carrasco are saving on healthcare costs. I’m proud to have him join me for the State of the Union in celebration of the life-changing, transformative wins by Democrats and President Biden.”

production and manufacturing, reduce carbon emissions, allow Medicare to negotiate the cost of prescription drugs, and extend important facets of the Affordable Care Act. Congresswoman Escobar was the only member of Congress from the region to vote for this bill which made historic investments in the United States, including approximately \$300 billion in deficit reduction and \$369 billion to fight climate change for years to come.

Veronica Escobar announced that Mr. Eduardo Carrasco would be joining her as her guest for the State of the Union. Mr. Carrasco is an El Paso senior who saw his insulin prices drop from \$73.89 to \$25 a month thanks to provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, a transformative law led by House Democrats. “When President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law, it marked a historic victory for American families, our economy, and the planet,”

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Mr. Carrasco and Congresswoman Escobar spoke in her Washington office about the effects of the Inflation Reduction Act and how it capped insulin prices (March 7, 2024)

## Representative Escobar Celebrates Bridge of the Americas Modernization Project

Congresswoman Veronica Escobar celebrated the General Services Administration's adoption of Viable Action Alternative #4 for the Bridge of the Americas (Puente Libre, BOTA) project. Viable Action Alternative #4, one of several proposals, which removes all commercial cargo and modernizes the bridge with a focus on customer service and environmental justice, comes after years of work and commitment by the Congresswoman

to ensure that BOTA is modernized in a way that responds to El Pasoans needs and challenges, including the health and environmental risks posed to residents near the bridge caused by idling commercial traffic. "After years of advocacy and work for the modernization of our ports of entry, with particular care given to health and environmental impacts on El Pasoans, I am so excited to announce that GSA has finalized the best (and most popular) design

option for the Bridge of the Americas," **Congresswoman Escobar said.** "Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Biden- Harris Administration's commitment to environmental justice, we are one step closer to delivering transformational investment - over \$650 million - to our border region which will lead to cleaner air and a healthier community for generations to come. I look forward to seeing these designs come to life... **continued on next page**



## Representative Escobar Celebrates Bridge of the Americas Modernization Project (cont.)

for a land port that will prioritize El Pasoans, create jobs, and promote economic growth and development for our community. I'm grateful to GSA and CBP who were great partners throughout this process, and grateful to all El Pasoans who took part in these important conversations."

\$650 - \$700 million was appropriated to GSA for BOTA modernization in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, signed into law by President Biden in November of 2021. Congresswoman Escobar was the only representative in this region to vote in favor of the funding.

Since the funding announcement - Congresswoman Escobar and her office held a series of listening sessions, public engagements, and surveys with community leaders, neighborhood associations, business and environmental stakeholders, alongside both CBP and GSA.



Left: Congresswoman Escobar speaks at a community meeting she hosted about the Bridge of the Americas Modernization Project.

## Representative Escobar Launches Texting Town Halls, Reaches Thousands of El Pasoans

This year, continued effort to Over 2024, Congresswoman reach El Pasoans Congresswoman Escobar launched her where they are, the Escobar answered texting town halls. In Congresswoman over 400 individual addition to her launched her texting texts from El Pasoans. telephone town halls town halls where El Subscribe to her which El Pasoans can Pasoans can text her newsletter at join by calling in or their questions or Escobar.house.gov to watching on comments about learn about the next Facebook. As part of legislation, concerns, texting town hall. her or comments.

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Congresswoman  
Escobar calls and  
texts El Pasoans back  
during her texting  
town halls



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915-541-1400.**



In 2024, Congresswoman Veronica Escobar and her office saved El Pasoans over \$4.2 million, assisting more than 1,300 El Pasoans that were having trouble with their social security, veterans benefits, and more.

"It is a privilege and an honor to serve the best community in the country. My team and I are here for YOU."

*Veronica Escobar*