



The El Paso Air Traffic Control Tower Modernization Act

The *El Paso Air Traffic Control Tower Modernization Act*, led by Congresswoman Veronica Escobar (D-TX), would allocate the funds necessary to replace the aging air traffic control (ATC) tower located at El Paso International Airport.

Our local air traffic controllers work day in and day out to ensure El Pasoans and visitors to our region reach their final destination safely and on time. However, the tower they work in was built decades ago and needs to be replaced not just to provide a modern worksite, but a safe one as well.

Per the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2024, the FAA has made public their determination the El Paso ATC needs to be replaced subject to [funding availability](#). The *El Paso Air Traffic Control Tower Modernization Act* would provide this funding.

The replacement of this tower has been a priority for the Congresswoman since first taking office. Below is a list of actions she has taken to this point:

- [Visited](#) and inspected the existing tower on multiple occasions to understand its condition.
- Voted for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), which allocated vital funding to replace aging ATC facilities.
- Shortly after the passage of the BIL, Congresswoman Escobar sent a [letter](#) to the Department of Transportation advocating that funding be allocated to replace the tower.
- Worked with [city and federal officials](#) to secure funding for the design of the tower.
- Congresswoman Escobar hosted multiple senior elected and cabinet officials, including the former [Secretary of Transportation](#), to tour the tower.

This bill is supported by the National Air Traffic Controllers Association – El Paso Local.