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El Paso City Council
300 N. Campbell St.
El Paso, TX 79901

Honorable Mayor Johnson and Members of the El Paso City Council,

Thank you for your continued engagement and partnership as Meta builds our data center and invests in El Paso.¹ We are writing to provide a comprehensive overview of Meta's commitments to El Paso—many of which are formalized through multiple binding agreements with the City of El Paso, El Paso County, El Paso Water, and El Paso Electric—that reflect our work to be a good community partner and steward of local resources.

In Texas, millions of people and businesses use our free technology and services. In fact, an estimated 2,040,000 businesses in Texas actively use Facebook alone, more than 98% of them being small and medium sized.² Data centers help drive these services and deliver innovation every day—whether it is people messaging a loved one, joining a small business livestream, or accessing emergency information during a severe weather event.

We are honored to have a presence in Texas and El Paso—with their world-class workforce, strong business climate, exceptional community partners, and access to robust energy and other infrastructure. For these reasons, we have invested more than \$12 billion in the state and committed to invest \$10 billion more with our investment in El Paso, bringing our total pledged investment to the state to more than \$20 billion.³

The scope of our obligations and our long-term commitment to the El Paso community are explained in this letter.

Providing Direct Investment, Taxes and Economic Contributions

Direct Investment & Jobs: Meta's El Paso Data Center, which we broke ground on in October 2025, will represent an investment of more than \$10 billion in the region and will support over 300 operational jobs and more than 4,000 skilled trade workers at peak construction.⁴ Beyond our economic impact, we have entered into legally binding agreements that stipulate the taxes we pay, the infrastructure we fund, and the environmental protections we uphold.

Meta is committed to hiring locally and supporting local businesses to help build and operate our data centers. This includes:

- **Supporting over 4,000 skilled trade workers** at peak construction of the El Paso Data Center, including steel workers, pipefitters, electricians, and carpenters. Over 2,300 construction workers are already on site today.

¹ <https://datacenters.atmeta.com/2025/10/hello-el-paso/>

² <https://research.facebook.com/economiccontribution/>

³ El Paso Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ElPasoDataCenter>

⁴ <https://datacenters.atmeta.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Meta-El-Paso-Data-Center.pdf>

- **Supporting 300 permanent jobs once operational**, and working closely with the community to ensure local residents have the opportunity to work at our data center—positions that include electricians, HVAC specialists, server and network techs, safety and security experts, and engineers.
- **Partnering with the community to ensure local businesses have the opportunity to grow with us.** Currently, we have partnerships with over 130 local companies, vendors, and suppliers that provide the products and services necessary to build and operate the data center. In addition, Faith Technologies Incorporated (FTI) has made an approximately \$80 million investment in El Paso to support offsite manufactured solutions, including for our El Paso Data Center, that will support over 200 jobs. The solutions they provide optimize operational safety, local productivity, and environmental stewardship.⁵

Our Agreements with the City of El Paso and El Paso County: Meta’s agreements with the City and County commit Meta to invest in local road infrastructure, invest at least \$800 million of capital investment to construct a data center campus, and create 50 full-time jobs once operational.

- **Generating new local tax revenues that support public infrastructure and services.** As noted by the city, this property was owned by the City of El Paso and not previously generating property tax revenue, but will now generate significant revenues for the local tax base moving forward.⁶ The enabled project will generate tens of millions of dollars in new local taxes for the City of El Paso, El Paso County, the Ysleta Independent School District, the El Paso Community College, and the University Medical Center that will support services, roads, emergency services, parks and recreation, libraries and broader community services. As Meta’s footprint grows, the taxes we pay will grow as well.
- **Additional investments in local infrastructure.** We have also invested more than \$10 million in local roads infrastructure improvements as part of these binding agreements. Meta has already announced a commitment to increase our investment to \$10 billion and support 300 operational jobs.

Meta will continue to comply with all applicable state and local agreements and requirements.

Supporting Local Schools and Workforce Development

Meta is committed to investing in the workforce pipeline that prepares El Paso residents for careers in technology and the skilled trades. Since announcing our data center just under 8 months ago, we have already put this support into practice, with a number of initiatives underway.

- **El Paso Public Schools Partnership:** We provided a \$500,000 grant to El Paso public schools to support workforce development by connecting students with practical, real-world learning experiences and career pathways in STEM and the skilled trades.
- **Workforce Solutions Borderplex Partnership:** We are working with Workforce Solutions Borderplex to support community access to America’s Workforce Academy, a free skilled trades training where participants are guaranteed a job upon graduation with a Meta partner at one of our data center sites, including Meta’s El Paso Data Center.
- **Bringing Be Pro Be Proud to El Paso:** Be Pro, Be Proud is an initiative that introduces students to immersive hands-on skilled trades workforce development experiences through their mobile workshops that we are excited to bring to El Paso.

⁵ <https://www.faithtechinc.com/news-and-insights/news/fti-expands-in-el-paso-creating-200-jobs/>

⁶ <https://www.elpasotexas.gov/data-centers/>



- **Digital Skills for Small Businesses:** We will be bringing Free digital skills training programs and support for local small businesses to leverage AI tools.

Water Stewardship

Our water stewardship program focuses on (1) minimizing data center water use, (2) supporting water restoration and conservation projects in watersheds where we have data centers and (3) being transparent with our water data by sharing our consumption, water withdrawals for each of our operational data centers, as well as water restoration projects, in our annual Sustainability Report and Volumetric Water Benefits Report.⁷ The data in these reports are independently verified.⁸

Collaborative work to plan for, meet and pay the full costs of our water needs: Meta worked closely with El Paso Water to plan for and meet our water and wastewater needs. Our agreements with El Paso Water govern our operations and ensure we pay the full costs associated with serving our data center so we do not negatively impact other customers or the local water supply.

Supporting ratepayer assistance: We are funding the El Paso Water Ratepayer Assistance Program which provides emergency water utility assistance through El Paso Water’s AguaCares program for 100 families, helping families in the El Paso area with their water bills.

Minimizing our water use in El Paso: In a typical year, our operational water consumption is projected to be less than the amount of water consumed annually by two typical golf courses in the Southwest United States. That’s because the El Paso Data Center is designed to minimize the need for water resources. We are using a water efficient closed-loop, liquid-cooled system that recirculates the same water and will use zero water for a majority of the year, with use only during the hottest conditions. In addition, we have partnered with El Paso Water to use treated wastewater effluent for non-potable construction water uses.

Restoring 200% of the water than we consume in local watersheds by funding local water projects: Beyond minimizing our water consumption, Meta has committed to restoring 200% of the water consumed by our El Paso Data Center to local watersheds – meaning we will restore twice as much water we use by supporting local projects that boost water supply, enhance water quality, provide safe drinking water and help restore local habitats.⁹

We are already funding water restoration and infrastructure projects in the local watershed that once fully implemented will restore over 177 million gallons of water per year. Support for the following projects directly helps localized water infrastructure and ensures that Meta's presence strengthens, rather than strains, the community's water resources.¹⁰

- In partnership with Arable, Meta is supporting the deployment of sensor-based irrigation scheduling technology across up to 2,346 acres of flood-irrigated cotton, alfalfa, and corn in the El Paso region, where the Rio Grande and the Hueco–Mesilla Bolsons Aquifer serve as critical water sources for both municipal and agricultural supply. The project is expected to reduce

⁷ <https://about.fb.com/news/2025/12/advancing-water-stewardship-in-metas-data-center-communities/>

⁸ https://sustainability.atmeta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Meta_2025-Environmental-Data-Index.pdf

https://sustainability.atmeta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/REVISED_FINAL_Meta_2024_Volumetric_Water_Benefit_Report_08.21.2025.pdf

⁹ <https://sustainability.atmeta.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Our-Approach-to-Water-Restoration.pdf>

¹⁰ <https://datacenters.atmeta.com/us-locations/>

water withdrawals by approximately 105.1 million gallons per year over a 10-year period, while also lowering pumping energy costs for farmers, supporting municipal water resilience across the El Paso metro area, and slowing the rate of salt concentration in the region's aquifers.

- In partnership with N-Drip and the Bonneville Environmental Foundation, Meta is supporting the conversion of approximately 160 acres of flood-irrigated pecan orchards to gravity-powered micro-irrigation systems in the Rio Grande Basin across Doña Ana County, New Mexico and El Paso County, Texas. The project is expected to reduce consumptive water use by approximately 71.4 million gallons per year, with volumetric water benefits anticipated over a 10-year period. Beyond direct water savings, the reduction in groundwater withdrawals has the potential to improve flows in the Rio Grande.
- Collaborating with DigDeep, El Paso County, and El Paso Water, we are supporting the Tierra de Oro Colonia Water Project— a critical initiative bringing safe, affordable, and first-time running water to 28 homesites in the Tierra de Oro colonia within the Rio Grande Watershed. Our investment is projected to restore 0.97 million gallons of water per year for 10 years, significantly improving the quality of life, health, and economic opportunities for residents.
- We are supporting Colonias Water Project in partnership with DigDeep and the Lower Valley Water District on an initiative delivering clean, running water to underserved communities along the U.S.-Mexico border that is set to restore 0.43 million gallons of water per year for 10 years.

Energy Stewardship

Collaborative work to plan for and meet our energy needs: We have and continue to partner with El Paso Electric (EPE) to plan for and meet our energy needs. We worked closely with EPE and independent engineers to study the El Paso electrical system, identify the necessary infrastructure that would be needed to support our project, and to ensure we pay for what is needed to support our operations.

Paying our full costs and putting downward pressure on rates: Our agreements with EPE are specifically structured to ensure we pay our full costs and there are no negative financial impacts to existing customers. In fact, Meta's payments to EPE for service are expected to cover approximately \$40 million in current annual electricity costs that would otherwise be borne by current customers, putting downward pressure on their cost of electricity.

As the project grows, our rates are designed to cover costs of new generation needed for Meta's power needs without negatively impacting other customers. Additionally, Meta and EPE have an agreement that provides for financial assurances/backstop to ensure that no stranded costs exist.

Paying for new grid infrastructure to increase reliability and resiliency: Through our payments to EPE, Meta will pay for hundreds of millions of dollars in new energy infrastructure investments and system upgrades—such as utility substations and transmission lines and new generation—that will add resiliency to the broader electrical grid for all ratepayers in addition to supporting our data center.

Our agreement also includes Meta funding an onsite natural gas facility, being built in partnership with Enchanted Rock, which will be connected to El Paso's electric grid once adequate grid infrastructure is built. The generation facility will support EPE's broader grid resiliency and reliability. Meta is paying the full cost of this resource during the time it only serves us, and we worked closely with EPE to ensure we pay our full costs for it once it's connected to the grid.



Backing new clean energy in Texas: Since 2020, we have matched 100% of our annual electricity use with renewable energy, and are one of the largest corporate buyers of clean energy in the world.¹¹ We meet our goal by backing the addition of new clean and renewable energy to the grid in the amount equivalent to our annual energy consumption for our data centers. To date, Meta is supporting the addition of nearly 30 GW of new clean and renewable energy across the United States, including more than 5 GW in Texas—1.4 GW of which is already operational. These projects represent hundreds of millions in capital investment and support local jobs.

We have a long history of successfully partnering with utilities and renewable developers to bring new clean energy projects to grids where we operate—which we will do for our El Paso operations. This includes working closely with EPE to pay the full costs of clean energy being added to EPE’s system through the City-approved green tariff.¹² In accordance with the approved green tariff structure, we are currently partnering with EPE to review and select energy project proposals that will help us achieve our goal. We report on the annual energy consumption of each of our data centers in our annual Sustainability report. The data in these reports are independently verified.

Ongoing Partnership with El Paso

Meta has engaged early and regularly with local elected officials and community stakeholders. Since our October 2025 announcement, we have met with City Representatives, the Mayor's office, County leadership, local chambers of commerce, K-12 and higher education leaders, nonprofit leaders, and members of the business community to talk about our project and learn about their priorities.

We are proud of our track record nationally to be a good neighbor in communities where we have data centers by supporting jobs, strengthening the local tax base through our direct contributions and the jobs we are supporting, creating opportunities for local suppliers and businesses, and supporting new energy and water infrastructure.¹³ We are committed to that partnership in El Paso. These are not aspirational—our investment, jobs we are supporting, and water and energy commitments are formalized through binding agreements and backed by substantial, measurable investments.¹⁴ We have also funded projects that are proofpoints of our water and energy stewardship practices, community philanthropy, and how we prioritize being a long-term partner.

We remain committed to doing the right thing, upholding the agreements we entered into with the City of El Paso, El Paso County, El Paso Water, and El Paso Electric, and supporting programs and services that help build a strong, vibrant community for current and future generations. We also extend an open invitation to the Council to visit one of Meta's operational data centers in the region to see firsthand what a finalized data center looks like, and the sustained commitment and support we provide communities that are home to our data centers.

¹¹<https://about.bnef.com/insights/clean-energy/corporate-clean-energy-buying-fell-in-2025-after-nearly-a-decade-of-growth/>

¹²<https://www.epelectric.com/el-paso-electric/uploads/section-01-sheet-382-tx-sch-no-ger-a-green-energy-rider-el-paso-approved-08292023.pdf>

¹³<https://about.fb.com/news/2026/03/meta-data-centers-support-energy-jobs-environment-local-communities/>

¹⁴<https://datacenters.atmeta.com/growing-local-economies/>



In closing, we sincerely thank you for your dedication and service to the residents of El Paso and we look forward to continuing to contribute as an active business member of your community.

Sincerely,

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