



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

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**MEETING DATE:** September 27, 2022

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**AGENDA CONTENT:** Request approval to submit a grant application to TxDOT for mobility improvements in downtown Angleton along both sides of Velasco St., from E. Orange St. to E. Locus St.

**AGENDA ITEM SECTION:** (choose one, delete others) Ceremonial Presentation, Consent Agenda, Public Hearing, Regular Agenda, Executive Session

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**BUDGETED AMOUNT:** \$0 **FUNDS REQUESTED:** \$0

**FUND:** N/A

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Angleton has a pedestrian and bicycle accessibility issue in its downtown area. Corrections and improvements to the street, sidewalks, and ramps, plus adding safety features, will be costly. However, the City has an opportunity to apply for grant funding to alleviate at least eighty percent of the total project cost.

The City of Angleton has been invited to re-submit a request to improve downtown accessibility and increase multi-modal mobility. Not only will ADA compliance be improved, but the general public will be able to move freely about downtown without the constant threat of a trip and fall incident.

The proposed project includes constructing approximately 3,100 LF (0.58 mi.) of 10' wide reinforced concrete multi-use paths accessible to all. As designed, the plan calls for four crosswalks with eight ADA curb ramps and signage at the intersection of SH35 (E. Mulberry St.), and an additional 16 crosswalks and 38 ADA curb ramps added to cross local side streets and alleyways. Current parallel parking, which presents hazards to those parking and road traffic, will be removed to accommodate the new features.

Thanks to Angleton's Livable Center Study, these improvements have already been identified. Grant funding will help make these ideas come to life in just a few years.

The grant application will be submitted in two phases. The first is a pre-application, and it can be submitted in October. If selected to proceed, the City will be invited to submit a detailed application, which is due by April 2023 (unless that date is changed by TxDOT). If the application

receives final approval, the City will be notified by July. Grant funds will be made available in January 2024. It is important to note that matching funds must be available at that time.

The estimated total project cost is \$3,942,518.00, of which the City would be required to fund a local match in the amount of \$788,505.00 (20%).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that Council approve submitting a grant application to TxDOT under the Transportation Alternatives grant program for pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle mobility and safety improvements in downtown Angleton along both sides of Velasco St., from E. Orange to E. Locust.