



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 6/13/2022

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AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on a connector project with TXDOT in downtown Angleton.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

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

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

TXDOT has approached the City of Angleton to pursue a connector project in downtown Angleton. This project will address several action items identified in the downtown livable centers study including:

ITEM 2. CONVERT ALLEYWAYS TO OUTDOOR SEATING

Action Items

- 2.1. Designate the alleyway east of Velasco Street between Myrtle Street and Mulberry Street as the pilot alley conversion location.
- 2.5. Evaluate the feasibility of converting additional alleyways within Downtown.

ITEM 3. CREATE FRONT STREET LINEAR PARK

Action Items

- 3.1. Retain a landscape architect to coordinate with TxDOT on the constraints and feasibility of a linear park on green space between SH274 and Front Street.
- 3.2. Design and implement a linear park along Front Street.

ITEM 6. UPDATE LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

Action Items

- 6.1. Establish landscape regulations unique to Downtown.
- 6.2. Coordinate with TXDOT to determine appropriate regulations for landscaping along TXDOT right-of-way.

ITEM 7. RECONFIGURE FRONT STREET

Action Items

- 7.1. Coordinate with TxDOT about amenities and pedestrian crossings that serve Front Street.

- 7.2. Restripe Front Street to add a sharrow to northbound lane and 6ft contraflow bike-only lane.

ITEM 9. CREATE A DOWNTOWN BIKE NETWORK LOOP

Action Items

- 9.1. Establish bike facilities on designated roadways in the Master Plan by incorporating asphalt, crossings, reflective delineators, bike network signage, etc.
- 9.2. Determine which type of bicycle facility is appropriate for each segment of the Downtown bike network (e.g. sharrow, bike lane, shared used path).

ITEM 10. ESTABLISH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENHANCED CORRIDORS

Action Items

- 10.5. Retain an engineer to develop schematic plans in coordination with TxDOT for redeveloping Velasco Street from Mulberry Street to Locust Street, incorporating updated parking and lane assignments, bike lanes, wider sidewalks, and ADA accessibility in the corridor.

ITEM 11. ENHANCE BUS STOP FACILITIES

Action Items

- 11.4. Improve bus stop facilities with enhancements such as benches, lighting, and shelters if there is a demonstrated need.

ITEM 12. IMPLEMENT SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Action Items

- 12.1. Conduct a sidewalk inventory in the study area evaluating characteristics including but not limited to height, cracked pavement, and nonexistent/gaps.
- 12.2. Using the inventory, establish a priority replacement ranking.
- 12.4. Coordinate with TxDOT about improvements along state facilities and with the drainage district for compliance/cooperation.

The City of Angleton has proposed a large-scale project that will include a 10-ft. shared-use path for pedestrians and bicycles along both sides of Highway 274 between E. Munson Street and E. Cedar Street. This is a total distance of approximately 1.42 miles (.7 miles on each side of the Highway). In addition to the shared-use path, a linear park will be developed with solar lighting, trees, landscaping, shared bike stations, benches, and signage.

Side-paths will be constructed as connectors to form a network of streets to public spaces, such as Veterans Park, the Brazoria County Courthouse, two transit bus stops, and several churches. Streets identified for side-paths will include (north of State Hwy. 35/E. Mulberry St.) E. Orange St. from Velasco St. to Chenango (transit stop and City Hall); E. Myrtle St. from Front St. to Chenango; E. Magnolia St. from Front St. to Chenango; E. Locust St. from Front St. to Chenango; E. Live Oak from Front St. to Chenango; and E. Cedar from Front St. to Chenango. Other side-path streets (south of State Hwy. 35/E. Mulberry St.) E. Orange from Front St. to Chenango; E. Peach St. from Front St. to Chenango; and E. Plum from Front St. to Chenango.

The side-paths will be constructed on both sides of the street. Each of the identified shared-path street sections are approximately one-half mile in length and the side paths will be constructed 8-ft. wide. The plan calls for these side paths to receive solar lighting, landscaping, and signage.

There are five alleys in the subject area that will receive eight to 10-foot shared-use paths. These locations will also receive solar lighting, landscaping, and signage.

The total cost of construction for this transformational project is \$11,000,000.

The following projects must be ready for construction (i.e., with environmental clearance, all ROW acquired, major utilities adjusted, railroad coordination complete, and self-funded 100% design) by April 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks & Recreation Board discuss the connector project in conjunction with TXDOT in downtown Angleton and provide staff with feedback.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move we support city staff in pursuing the connector project with TXDOT in downtown Angleton.