



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: June 28, 2022

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AGENDA CONTENT: Request approval to re-submit the TxDOT Transportation Alternatives grant, which will include improving downtown sidewalks, ramps, crosswalks, and parking adjustments. These improvements will create a downtown that will be accessible to everyone. The city also requests funds for an engineering review of the original plan and budget as a pre-application activity due to the increasing costs of materials and supplies.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Session

BUDGETED AMOUNT: N/A

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$5,000.00 for engineering review

FUND: Grant Funded, + pre-application costs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Last year the City of Angleton submitted a grant application titled, Downtown Angleton Streetscape Revitalization under the TxDOT Transportation Alternatives category. The proposed project included constructing approximately 3,100 LF (0.58 mi.) of 6 to 10-foot (6'-10') wide reinforced concrete sidewalk along both sides of BS288 (N. Velasco St.) from E. Locust St. to E. Orange St. in Angleton, TX. Furthermore, the proposed project recommended 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 streets and alleyways. The replacement of existing dated, decorative lighting is also included in the Scope of Work. Bulbouts may be constructed to provide additional safety measures. The project goal was, and is, to provide safe movement of pedestrians and bicycles between government buildings, downtown businesses, restaurants, and events.

The 2021 application was not selected for funding; however, the City has been invited to submit the proposal again this fall. The original proposal, including the budget, needs to be reviewed before submitting it in the next round. The reasons are (1) the rising costs of materials and supplies, and (2) ensuring that the updated plan ties into the TxDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Connector application.

Once the updated information is available, staff will again present the project to City Council in a formal Resolution to submit the grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to move forward with preparing the application, including the necessary engineering and budget review. Due to the collaborative nature of this project with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Connector proposal, the staff recommends using the same engineering firm for both initiatives.