



# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** April 25, 2023

**TITLE:**

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2023-64 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas supporting the City of Bastrop's Application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives set-aside (TA) call for projects requesting a grant in the amount of Twelve Million Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$12,232,513.60) to rehabilitate the Old Iron Bridge; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents, providing for a repealing clause and establishing an effective date.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Tracy Waldron, Chief Financial Officer

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The Old Iron Bridge was built in 1923 and is registered as an historic landmark by the National Register of Historic Places, a designation given by the U.S. Department of Interior in 1990. This bridge was the primary route for vehicular traffic into downtown Bastrop until 1992. The City of Bastrop assumed ownership of the bridge at that time.

There have been at least six (6) inspections performed on the bridge since the City of Bastrop assumed ownership. Those studies were performed in 1992, 2001, 2009, 2011, 2014 and 2018. The 2018 report indicated significant deterioration since the 2014 report and the bridge was immediately closed to pedestrian traffic.

The Texas Department of Transportation issued a call for projects in December 2022, for communities to apply for funding assistance through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program. TA funds may be used for development of preliminary engineering plans, specifications, and estimates and environmental documentation) and construction of pedestrian and/or bicycle infrastructure. The TA funds require a local match, comprised of cash or Transportation Development Credits (TDCs), if eligible. The City of Bastrop would be responsible for all non-reimbursable costs and 100% of overruns, if any, for TA funds.

The City of Bastrop's TA application has been approved for Phase 2 of the application process and requires a resolution from the project sponsor to continue. The City is working with Garver USA to complete the application process.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The TA Funds will require a local match, comprised of cash or Transportation Development Credits (TDCs), if eligible. The City of Bastrop would be responsible for all non-reimbursable costs and 100% of overruns, if any. These matching funds were part of the 2023 Certificate of Obligation issuance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Tracy Waldron, CFO, recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2023-64 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas supporting the City of Bastrop's Application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives set-aside (TA) call for projects requesting a grant in the amount of Twelve Million Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$12,232,513.60) to rehabilitate the Old Iron Bridge; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents, providing for a repealing clause and establishing an effective date.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution No. R-2023-64

