



Staff Report

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2024

TITLE:

Consider and act in support of a Bastrop County project in the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2050 Regional Transportation Plan

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

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BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

Bastrop County intends to submit the following project to the CAMPO 2050 RTP:

- Construction of a new bridge connecting SH 304 to Lovers Ln and an additional new connection from Lovers Ln to Technology Dr. The additional new connection from Lovers Ln to Technology Dr contains a segment that lies within the City of Bastrop. These improvements will be to a 2-lane undivided minor arterial standard, with a minimum 80' ROW.

The project enters into the City's jurisdiction in the Bastrop Business and Industrial Park.

From Commissioner Beckett:

"It is a matter of getting the project (a point-to-point connection) in the plan. This allows us to negotiate right-of-way and seek potential State and mostly Federal funding opportunities. Projects of this nature are looking for future funding opportunities through various calls for projects with typical match obligations of 20% and normally 100% of right-of-way and utility re-location costs. The challenge will initially be to just get the project shovel ready, which would be a feat in itself at this point. Normally projects will not score well or even be eligible for funding until the project has been through the NEPA process and preliminary engineering is done at a minimum. At that point both the City and County would need to agree to submit the project during a "Call" for projects."

FISCAL IMPACT:

No financial commitment at this time. The project could cost upwards of \$42M with much of that able to be secured through federal and state grants.

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide the City Manager with direction to prepare a letter of support for the project.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed layout map for this project
2. Proposed layout map and list for all 2050 projects