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AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION FORM

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Requestor Name: Lopez, Gabriel **Date Submitted:** 05/17/2023
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Position Title Engineering Technician
For City Staff Only

Agenda Location: Discussion Item
(e.g.: Consent Agenda/ Discussion Item/ Public Hearing/ Executive Session/ Presentation)

Agenda Content:

Discuss, consider, and/or approve resolution supporting the City of Bay City's application(s) to the Texas Department of Transportations 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Call for projects.

Executive Summary of Item:

The Texas Department of Transportation will be accepting applications this year for the biannual Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program. TxDOT allocates funds towards bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects that enhance access and safety to school-related destinations enabling and encouraging children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle.

Bay City will be submitting an application(s) for the 2023 TxDOT transportation alternative set aside program due on June 5th, 2023.

If awarded, the grant would help fund the construction of the Southern Pacific Trailway SUP. The Trailway will be a 10' Shared Used Path (SUP), with lighting for nighttime use, that runs along the old railbed owned by the city. A portion of the Trailway, between Sycamore and Cottonwood Ave, has already been built and would tie into the new construction. The SUP, when completed in its entirety, will connect the High School, Jr High, Downtown, Hardeman Park, Barkway Park, Amistad Park, Splash Pad, Valiant Park Pool, and surrounding neighborhoods north of HWY 35. The shared use path will also eliminate barriers such as Cottonwood Creek and the RR tracks for pedestrians and bicycle users to have safe and alternative means of transportation.

This year TxDOT has done away with population requirements and is allowing applicants to apply for both small scale community projects, with a \$250,000 to \$5 million award, and large-scale active transportation infrastructure, with awards ranging from \$5 million to \$25 million. For the 2023 TA Call

for Projects, Bay City is eligible to use Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) that allow for 100% federal TA funds to be applied to the project in lieu of a local match.

If awarded TxDOT will take on the grant administration, project design and management allowing for the city to free up resources to pursue other projects.