
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Public Works & Engineering
FROM: Errick Thompson, P.E., CFM®, Director
MEETING: February 20, 2024

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff feedback regarding an update on the City Sidewalk Program. (*Staff Presenter: Errick Thompson, Director of Public Works & Engineering*)

SUMMARY:

On May 1, 2023, City Council passed a resolution supporting an application submission to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for federal grant funding to complete the city's 10-mile loop bicycle and trail route. Staff submitted the application on June 5, 2023. The project was estimated to cost approximately \$16 million in total, City contributing a 20% (\$3.2 million) match. Consistent with the council resolution, all available Sidewalk Program and sidewalk project funding in the 2022 G.O. Bond Program would be accelerated into FY24 in the 5-year CIP and combined to form the City's match. In October 2023, staff received notification that the 10-Mile Loop Completion project was not selected by TxDOT for funding.

Staff reviewed the list of projects from the grant application supporting completion of the 10-mile loop to select smaller projects for feedback from the Infrastructure & Development (I&D) Committee at its January 10, 2024, meeting. The committee recommended the Renfro Street Pedestrian Improvements project, Vaughn Drive Sidewalk project (revised to one side of the street rather than both), and Pleasant Manor Sidewalk project. The committee also supported keeping all 2022 GO Bond Sidewalk Program funding in the current fiscal year to accomplish the three priority projects, as available funding allows. Staff now seeks Council's feedback.

Funding for the Elk Drive, Hillside Drive, & FM 731 Intersection & Sidewalk Improvements project was also accelerated from FY25 and FY26 to FY24 as part of the grant match funding strategy. Staff anticipate reverting the project back to original funding plan (FY25 and FY26). Since a Local On-System Agreement (LOSA) with TxDOT will be required for the improvements within TxDOT Right-of-Way at the SH174 & Elk Drive and FM731 & Hillside Drive intersections, staff is seeking feedback from Council on whether to revert back to the original funding plan and schedule for this project.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

05/01/2023 – Council adopted a resolution supporting the City’s application to the Texas Department of Transportation 2023 Transportation Alternatives Grant program

01/10/2024 – Infrastructure & Development Committee supported leaving the funding in the current fiscal year and prioritized projects for implementation

REFERENCE:

CSO5097-05-2023 – Resolution supporting the City’s application to the TXDOT 2023 TA Call for Projects

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