



To: Mayor Bill Foulds Jr. & City Council
From: Tory Carpenter, AICP – Planning Director
Date: February 17, 2026
RE: Resolution of Support for Sawyer Ranch Road Shared Use Path Project

I. Overview

Hays County requests City Council approval of a resolution of support for the Sawyer Ranch Road Shared Use Path project. The resolution request is associated with the County’s grant application to the Capital Area Metropolitan Organization (CAMPO) for the 2026 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA). If awarded, this grant would help fund construction of a pedestrian and bicycle connection on the east side of Sawyer Ranch Road, from Meadow Creek Drive to Darden Hill Road.

II. Background

The Sawyer Ranch Road Shared Use Path Extension is a proposed 1.3-mile, 10-foot-wide concrete path with ADA-compliant design features including retaining walls, handrails, and driveway regrading. The project will provide a continuous non-motorized route connecting existing shared use facilities and area schools, including Cypress Springs Elementary and Sycamore Springs Middle School.

This corridor lacks safe pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. This project aligns with goals in the City's Transportation Master Plan and broader regional mobility efforts.

City Council approved a similar resolution of support for the TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant in 2025 which was ultimately not awarded.



III. Key Project Details

- **Location:** East side of Sawyer Ranch Road (CR 164) between Meadow Creek Drive and Darden Hill Road (CR 162).
- **Scope:** Construction of 1.3-mile 10-foot shared use path, curb and drainage improvements, handrails, ADA upgrades.
- **Design:** Conceptual design is complete; project will be fully engineered following grant award.
- **Cost Estimate:** \$2.9 million total project cost
 - \$2,320,000 requested from CAMPO
 - \$ 580,000 committed local match from Hays County (20%)
- **Construction Timeline:** Construction is anticipated to begin October 2027, contingent on award.
- **City Financial Impact:** No monetary contribution or maintenance obligation is requested from the City of Dripping Springs.