



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Aaron Reed, Public Works Director

Council Meeting Date: January 17, 2023

Agenda Item Wording: **Approval of Authorization of City Staff to Execute a Letter of Support for a TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant Application for Shared Use Paths on US 290.** *Sponsor: Council Member Travis Crow.*

Agenda Item Requestor: Councilmember Travis Crow

Summary/Background: The 2023 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects opened in December of 2022. The City has the opportunity to apply for 3 TA grants in this call. The City anticipates to apply for 2 TA grants. TxDOT has approached the City wishing to apply for the third TA grant on behalf of the City to construct Shared Use Paths along US 290 from Sportsplex to HEB. The SUPs would be a part of the first phase of the US 290 expansion project and would have to be constructed by the end of FY26. The application would be 100% funded and completed by TxDOT. TxDOT would cover the 20% matching funds and all overruns so the City would bear no financial burden. There would be no impact on the City's ability to apply for future TxDOT or Federal grants. This is in an effort for TxDOT to secure funding for this breakout portion of the US 290 project to expedite construction and alleviate the growing traffic problems at RR 12 and US 290. I presented this to Transportation Committee and they were supportive of the idea.

Commission Recommendations: Transportation Committee supports execution of the letter.

Recommended Council Actions: City staff recommends approval.

Attachments: Letter of support

Next Steps/Schedule: