



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Dripping Springs, TX 78602**

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**Submitted By:** Aaron Reed, Public Works Coordinator

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**Council Meeting Date:** 05/18/2021

**Agenda Item Wording:** Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Dripping Springs Texas, authorizing the submission of a nomination for funding from the Texas Department of Transportation's 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program.

**Agenda Item Requestor:**

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**Summary/Background:** In February 2021, City staff prepared a preliminary application for the 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program to construct pedestrian improvements along Mercer St. and US Hwy 290 from RR-12 to Rob Shelton Blvd. These improvements would offer access to the Historic District, numerous businesses, and Veteran's Memorial Park. The improvements would connect the Mercer St. pedestrian improvements from the 2015 TA program to the Rob Shelton improvements from the 2019 TA program. The improvements are shown on the City Wide Trail. The preliminary application was deemed eligible for federal funding with a 20% local match. The estimated cost for this project from the preliminary application is \$441,178.53. The City's obligation would be \$88,235.71. This cost could potentially change as the detailed application and cost estimate are completed. There is a significant cost savings in the application process since City staff is working directly with our transportation engineer eliminating the need for a consultant grant writer.

**Commission  
Recommendations:**

**Recommended  
Council Actions:** City staff recommends approval.

**Attachments:**

**Next Steps/Schedule:** Send to City Secretary for execution. Submit detailed application to TxDOT on June 14, 2021.