



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

September 1, 2022

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action approving a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT for a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) project and authorizing the City Manager to execute applicable documents

DATE: September 1, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Public Works & Engineering Services

PRESENTED BY: Grant Watanabe, P.E., Director of Public Works & Engineering Services

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a federal-aid program with the purpose to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. The HSIP requires each state to have a comprehensive Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) that defines safety goals and strategies to enhance safety. Through this program, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has programmed hundreds of millions of dollars of HSIP projects focusing on various safety measures such as installing barriers, curve improvements, intersection improvements, pedestrian safety, rumble strips, widening highways, and other off-system improvements submitted by local agencies.

In May 2022, the City was informed by local TxDOT representatives that HSIP funding had become available for off-system (non-TxDOT roadways) projects within the TxDOT San Antonio District. The available funds were for the FY23 program year only.

In June 2022, the Council selected the Post Oak Trail Widening project for several reasons. It was already an approved Roadway CIP project, required little to no additional ROW acquisition, had no major utility conflicts, maximized use of available HSIP funds, and the city's direct costs were considered affordable within the upcoming budget.

In July, the Post Oak Widening project was approved by TxDOT for a total combined construction cost of \$2,686,727.00. Under this program, HSIP will cover 90% (\$2,418,054) of the construction cost, and the city will cover 10% (\$268,673) of the construction cost. The city is also responsible for engineering, environmental assessment and mitigation, direct state costs for management and oversight of the project, and any cost overruns. Although the draft AFA and project budget attachment (details cost-share between federal, state and local government) are not yet available from TxDOT, the project funds allocated in our FY2022-2023 proposed budget are adequate to cover all city costs based on best available estimates.

Since TxDOT requires the Governing Body of the Local Government to approve entering into an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) for each HSIP Project by resolution or ordinance, a resolution is being presented tonight for consideration and possible action. If approved, the resolution (**Exhibit A**) will be included as part of the AFA as an attachment.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

- Supports Strategic Action Plan for Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure (SAP 3.4.13 Post Oak Trail Roadway Reconstruction).
- Leverages federal and state funding to reduce the cost impact on our residents.
- Provides systemic safety improvements to reduce the number and severity of vehicle accidents and injuries.

LONG-TERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Approval of the resolution and execution of the AFA enables the city to leverage federal and state funding to reduce the long-term cost impact on our residents.

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

This resolution was reviewed and approved by the city attorney.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT for a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) project and authorizing the City Manager to execute applicable documents.