

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: July 16, 2024
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Melinda Moritz, Public Works Director
THROUGH: Crystal Caldera, Ph.D., City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action to Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Advance Funding Agreement with the State of Texas and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement to Secure Funding for the Leon Vally Huebner Creek Greenway Hike and Bike Trail Segment II

SPONSOR(S): N/A

PURPOSE

The purpose of this communication is to consider approval of a Resolution authorizing an Advanced Funding Agreement with the State of Texas and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement, for the funding of the Hike & Bike Trail Segment II, from Bandera Road to Evers Road.

Background

Huebner Creek Greenway Hike & Bike Trail Segment 1, which aligns with El Verde Road and runs from Shadow Mist Rd (adjacent to soccer field) to 6613 Bandera Road (Triangle Park), was constructed last year, but it dead ends at the Bandera Road bridge. Segment II of the planned trail system, which runs from 6613 Bandera Road (Triangle Park) to Evers Road (Raymond Rimkus Park), was awarded in August of 2021 and was funded in TxDOT's 2024-25 fiscal year. To proceed with the project, the City Council must sign an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA).

Segment 2 will connect to Segment 1 at Bandera Road and continue to Evers Road, through the Huebner-Onion Natural Area fire break and Raymond Rimkus Park. The City of San Antonio has asked that we consider continuing the trail from Evers Road up Huebner Creek to meet their planned trail just above Balky (plans are being reviewed by TxDOT). The plan is to have one continuous trail to the Medical Center

This project is a part of a reimbursement grant program, with 80/20 matching construction funds, with FHA/TxDOT paying 80% and the City paying 20%. The Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for construction is \$1,599,001. We will not know the exact cost until construction bids are opened. Under this type of grant program, the city is responsible for all costs for engineering, plus contingency or cost overruns.

The proposed schedule is as follows:

- Oct 2023 - Engineering started (TxDOT review delayed due to personnel issues)
- Aug/Sept 2024 – TxDOT starts review of plans
- April/May 2025 – Bid advertised
- June/July 2025 – Bid awarded
- July/Aug 2025 – Start construction

FISCAL IMPACT

Engineering	\$ 335,000 (already budgeted)
Construction	\$1,599,001
Contingency (15%)	<u>\$ 239,850</u>
Total	\$2,173,851

Construction only

Federal portion	\$1,260,312
TxDOT portion	\$ 1,038
City portion	\$ 337,651

City Share of Project Costs

Engineering	\$335,000
Contingency	\$239,850
Construction	<u>\$337,651</u>
Total cost to city:	\$912,501

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution authorizing the Advanced Funding Agreement and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement. The citizens have been anticipating the construction of this trail since 2013.

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

ATTEST:

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Secretary