

Montgomery City Council  
**AGENDA REPORT**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> May 25, 2021	<b>Budgeted Amount:</b> N/A
<b>Department:</b> Admin	<b>Prepared By:</b> Dave McCorquodale

**Subject**

Consideration and possible action regarding adoption of the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MONTGOMERY, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY'S APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2021 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TA) CALL FOR PROJECTS.

**Recommendation**

Adopt the Resolution as presented.

**Discussion**

The City has submitted for two sidewalk funding projects under TxDOT's 2021 Transportation Alternatives program. A Resolution by the governing body supporting the project applications is required as part of the application process. The two projects are:

- 1) **Martin Luther King, Jr. Mobility Project:** a new sidewalk along MLK Dr. from the city limits north of McGinnis Ln. terminating at Homecoming Park on Community Center Dr.
  - Preliminary cost estimate \$275,000 (includes \$55,000 in local match funds)
  - Approximately 3,800 linear feet or just under 3/4-mile
  - Extends a 9-ft diameter culvert at Anders Branch
  - 6 crosswalks at streets & school driveways
  
- 2) **Clepper & Bessie Price Owens Mobility Project:** a new sidewalk along Clepper St. from Prairie St. near downtown to Bessie Price Owens Dr., and replacement of an existing sidewalk along Bessie Price Owens Dr. to the intersection with Berkley Dr. and Racetrack Ln.
  - Preliminary cost estimate \$130,000 (includes \$26,000 in local match funds)
  - Approximately 2,000 linear feet or just over 1/3-mile
  - 7 crosswalks at streets, school driveways, & 2 mid-block crossings near library
  - Existing sidewalk on BPO is deteriorating and not ADA-accessible.

**Key Program Points:**

- 80% of project funded by TxDOT; 20% local matching funds
- City must pay 100% of project cost up front; TxDOT reimburses 80%
- 3-year window to complete project after award of funding

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**Program Timeline:**

- March 2021: Preliminary Applications Due
- April 2021: TxDOT District Interview / Project Eligibility Notice from TxDOT
- June 2021: Detailed Applications Due
- October 2021: Final Project Award (TxDOT target date)

**Funding Summary:**

- Current FY expenses: \$4,000-\$5,000 in application preparation
- FY 2021-2022 expenses: Funding & construction of \$275,000 MLK Mobility Project
- FY 2022-2023 expenses: Funding & Construction of \$130,000 Clepper & BPO Mobility Project

An advantage of focusing on one project at a time is recapturing the 80% TxDOT funding before expending funds on the next project. A disadvantage of focusing on one project at a time is delaying the community benefit and use of the project.

Alternatively, both projects could move forward next Fiscal Year. The total cost for both projects is approximately \$400,000. If both projects move forward next year, it will require approximately \$200,000 from next year's budget and \$200,000 from the following. In this scenario, the city will spend the entire \$400,000 before getting the 80% TxDOT funds back. It is important to note that project funding decisions will be detailed during the upcoming budget process.

<b>Approved By</b>		
Asst. City Administrator	Dave McCorquodale	Date:
City Administrator	Richard Tramm	Date: