



AGENDA MEMO

Business of the City Council

City of Sweeny, Texas

Meeting Date	12/17/2024	Agenda Items	
Approved by City Manager		Presenter(s)	Administration
Reviewed by City Attorney		Department	Administration
Subject	Discussion and possible action to resubmittal of application for TxDOT Transportation Alternatives 2025 Call for Project Update.		
Council Strategic Goals	Government Sustainability and Infrastructure Investment		
Attachments / Supporting documents	TxDot TA		
Financial Information	Expenditure Required:	\$417,000.00 +	
	Amount Budgeted:		
	Account Number:		
	Additional Appropriation Required:		
	Additional Account Number:		

Executive Summary

After the 11/19/24 meeting, staff contacted TxDot to establish the debriefing meeting in order to proceed with the 2025 call for projects, the first step of initiating. Staff will be completing the debriefing meeting on 12/19/2024. This will give staff a better understanding of options for submittal, financing requirements, and eligibility for diminishing the scope of the original project. Txdot has confirmed the call will open in January 2025, but the preliminary applications will not be due until the end of February, in which is a tentative date at this point. The full application will be due mid-June, with an award date of November.

It is not required that the City secure the funding for the match before the project is awarded, only that the City states in a resolution that they support submission of the application, are committed to providing the 20% match if the project is awarded, and that if awarded they would enter into an advance funding agreement with Txdot.

In order for TxDOT to spend funds or other resources on a transportation project with a local government (LG), a written contract must first be executed between the parties. At TxDOT, an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) is the form of contract most frequently used for development of projects with LGs. When TxDOT contracts with another party, usually a private firm, for a well-defined good or service such as engineering plans, environmental studies or asphalt for a highway, a procurement contract is used. However, the AFA is not a procurement contract. The AFA is an agreement under which TxDOT and the LG allocate participation in a transportation improvement project. The AFA allows TxDOT and the LG to "jointly" provide for the implementation of a specific project. The term "advance funding agreement" is used throughout the Manual and Local Government Project Management (LGPM) Guide as a generic term for a variety of joint-funding agreements between TxDOT and LGs.

This submittal is funded on a 80/20 cash match. (COS 20%) Previously the City requested approximately \$2M, in which the City's local share of 20% would be approximately \$417K for construction and design of sidewalks.

At this time we do not have a full scope package of expenditures. The above amount does **NOT** include additional engineering, bid process, bond counsel, loan origination fees, grant management or consultants, etc.

Council previously discussed diminishing the scope of the project to align with the amount the City could financially complete without outside resourcing for loans. Diminishing the scope and allowances will be discussed further with Txdot and engineering. Staff will continue to gather more information to disperse to Council at a later date.

Recommended Action

Update Only