



AGENDA MEMO

Business of the City Council City of Sweeny, Texas

Meeting Date	04.25.2023	Agenda Item	
Approved by City Manager	Yes	Presenter(s)	Lindsay Koskiniemi, City Manager
Reviewed by City Attorney	Yes	Department	Administration
Subject	Discussion and action on a resolution supporting City of Sweeny's application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects; Sidewalk Project		
Attachments	Resolution		
Financial Information	Expenditure Required:	N/A	
	Amount Budgeted:	N/A	
	Account Number:		
	Additional Appropriation Required:		
	Additional Account Number:		

Executive Summary

On January 17, 2023, the City Council unanimously voted on a resolution to approve the City of Sweeny's preliminary application for Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternative Call for Projects. Sweeny was selected to continue in the process to submit a detailed application for consideration of a cost match (80/20) reimbursement project for the provision of a 10' shared use path along N. Hackberry from Ashley Wilson to 6th Street and a 4' sidewalk from N. Hackberry to N. Elm along Ashley Wilson.

The City obtained approval from the Sweeny Independent School District on April 11, 2023 for a letter of support to grant easement to the City to complete the detailed application. This application is due by June 5, 2023, and TXDOT anticipates awarding applicants in August 2023. While there is no guarantee that this project will be selected, City staff and SISD officials feel it is in the best interest of the safety of students to pursue this project. Currently, there is no safe route to walk to and from school along N. Hackberry, as there are no existing sidewalks or shoulders.

This call for projects is a reimbursement cost match funding arrangement, which means the City will be reimbursed 80% of the engineering and construction costs of the project. The City intends to use the fund balance of the Sidewalk Fund of approximately \$270,000 to help meet the City's 20% match obligation.

The attached document is a proposed resolution in support of the project and must be included with the detailed application.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval.