

# City Council Meeting

## Agenda Item

### Data Sheet

Meeting Date: March 7, 2022

#### Topic:

Discussion and possible action to approve the base Advanced Funding Agreement with TxDOT for the reconstruction of FM 2920 from State Highway 249 to Willow Street

#### Background:

Based on the Council approval of the 2920 Access Management Plan in 2008, City staff submitted the FM 2920 reconstruction from State Highway 249 to Willow Street project in the 2015 Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) call for projects (see letter dated Jan. 8, 2015, by CM George Shackelford). H-GAC awarded the reconstruction project to the City. The scope of the project included original the addition of raised medians and center turn lanes, sidewalk accessibility throughout the length of the project, and the opportunity for aesthetic enhancements. There will also be improvements to the drainage as well as appropriate landscaping.

Funding for this project consists of federal, state and local funds. In 2008, the City Council approved an allocation of \$3 million dollars to go towards this project as the local funds portion.

Since the project has been delayed due to discussions of the scope of the project and the use of the local funding, staff is recommending approval of the base advanced funding agreement (AFA) with TxDOT to help ensure that the funding of the project will not be reallocated to a different project during the H-GAC call for projects that is scheduled for this May, 2022. This agreement also allows for City to enter into a contract with an engineer to provide the necessary information that is needed in order to approve the rest of the agreements of the project.

In the discussions with TxDOT to this point, the agreements are structured as follows:

1. **Base AFA** – Outlines responsibility of each entity and defines engineering as the City's responsibility.
2. **Utility AFA** – Allows TxDOT to coordinate the bidding and construction of the utility relocation. The City of Tomball is responsible for 100% of the relocation costs by law.
3. **Aesthetic and Landscape Enhancements AFA** – some of the items that can be included are non-roadway illumination, aesthetic features, unique landscape structures, landscaping, irrigation, amenities, and other similar enhancements. The scope of this AFA has not been determined.
4. **Right of Way Procurement AFA** – details the responsibilities of the entities as it pertains to the ROW acquisition. By law, local participation is set at 10% of the actual cost of acquisition.

Only the base AFA is recommended to be approved with this item.

**Origination:** City Management

**Recommendation:**

**Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda:** David Esquivel, City Manager

**FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)**

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, specify Account Number: # \_\_\_\_\_

If no, funds will be transferred from account: # \_\_\_\_\_ To Account: # \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** David Esquivel 03/03/2022 **Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Member Date City Manager Date