

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: September 18, 2023

Topic:

Discussion and consideration to approve Resolution No. 2023-39, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas authorizing the City Manager to execute an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation for providing reconstruction and access management improvements to FM 2920 from Business 249-B east to Willow Street.

Background:

The City of Tomball applied for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) in January 2015. The application was for the reconstruction of the FM 2920 corridor from Business 249-B east to Willow Street. Following the award of the TIP grant, staff has worked with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), HGAC, and Gunda Corporation to finalize the design alternative for the project location.

Through a series of public meetings held in 2022 and a public survey, staff received input regarding the three proposed alternatives for the project. On March 20, 2023, Council decided to move forward with the alternative that included one-way pairs at Oak and Walnut and limited medians through Old Town based on the public input.

Staff has worked with TxDOT to generate the required Resolution approving the City Manager to execute the required Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA). The current AFA stipulates the City of Tomball is to procure the design engineer to be paid from local funds as well as responsible for aesthetic enhancements, including enhanced landscaping, above TxDOT standards, and utility relocations along the project location as our required participation amount to receive the grant.

An additional option has been provided by TxDOT which that would permit TxDOT to pay for the design with their funding, with the project being designed based on the alternative selected. By opting for the second option, the City would be able to use our \$3,000,000 match for aesthetic upgrades and the betterment of the community with the overall look of the improvements. The below table depicts estimated cost to the City for both options.

Option One: Estimated City Costs	
Engineering	\$2,600,000
Landscaping	\$1,000,000
Upgraded Aesthetics	\$1,000,000
Utility Relocations	\$5,800,000
Total	\$10,400,000

Option Two: Estimated City Costs	
Engineering	\$0.00
Landscaping	\$1,000,000
Upgraded Aesthetics	\$1,000,000
Utility Relocations	\$5,800,000
Total	\$7,800,000

If City Council elects to continue with the City funding design, the Resolution would be adopted accepting and approving the AFA as drafted. If Council elects to allow TxDOT to fund the design, there would be no AFA required aside for landscaping at a future date.

Origination: Project Management

Recommendation: Staff recommends approving Resolution 2023-39, authorizing the City Manager to Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation for providing reconstruction and access management improvements to FM 2920 from Business 249-B east to Willow Street.

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: Meagan Mageo, Project Manager

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

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

Yes: X No: _____ If yes, specify Account Number: # 400-154-6409

If no, funds will be transferred from account # _____ To account # _____

Signed Meagan Mageo Approved by _____
Staff Member Date City Manager Date