



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 1, District 9

SUBJECT:

Advanced Funding Agreement for Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation (Evans Road, Augusta Street, Crockett Street and South Presa)

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the execution of four (4) separate Advanced Funding Agreements between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), where the City's local government match contribution is waived for the following bridge replacement or rehabilitation projects performed by TxDOT and accepted by the City upon construction completion: Evans Road Bridge at Drain; Augusta Street Bridge at San Antonio River; Crockett Street Bridge at San Antonio River; and South Presa Street Bridge at San Antonio River.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Evans Road Bridge at Drain; Augusta Street Bridge at San Antonio River; Crockett Street Bridge at San Antonio River; and South Presa Street Bridge at San Antonio River are "off-system" bridges maintained by the City and located off the state highway system. These "off-system" bridges are included within TxDOT's inventory. TxDOT inspects the condition of each "off-system" bridge every two years and provides condition reports to the City. Based on the condition reports, any required bridge maintenance is the local government's responsibility.

Title 23 of the United States Code, Section 144 authorizes federal funds to assist the states in replacing or rehabilitating deficient bridges located on public highways, roads, and streets, including those “off-system” bridges under the jurisdiction of local governments. Furthermore, the Texas Transportation Code Sections 201.103 and 222.052 establish that the State shall plan and make policies for constructing a comprehensive system of state highways and public roads in cooperation with local governments. Typically, projects receiving federal and state funds to replace or rehabilitate “off-system” bridges require local government participation up to ten percent (10%) of the total project cost or an equivalent match by the local government to replace or rehabilitate a different “off-system” bridge requiring maintenance.

Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), as well as the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRRP), authorized by Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order Number 116073 and dated August 31, 2021, federal and state funding is provided for selected “off-system” bridge projects and does not require local government participation for the design and construction of the selected bridge projects.

The Evans Road Bridge at Drain; Augusta Street Bridge at San Antonio River; Crockett Street Bridge at San Antonio River, and South Presa Street Bridge at San Antonio River have each been selected for replacement or rehabilitation under the HBRRP. Therefore, the full design and construction costs will be provided by federal and state funds with no contribution from the City. Upon project completion, the City would only be responsible for ROW acquisition, utility adjustments, and maintenance. The Advanced Funding Agreements waive the City’s match contribution for each “off-system” bridge project.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of four (4) separate Advanced Funding Agreements between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), where the City’s local government match contribution is waived for the following bridge replacement or rehabilitation projects performed by TxDOT and accepted by the City upon construction completion: Evans Road Bridge at Drain; Augusta Street Bridge at San Antonio River; Crockett Street Bridge at San Antonio River; and South Presa Street Bridge at San Antonio River.

Projects will be constructed through the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRRP), authorized by Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order Number 116073, and dated August 31, 2021. The City would only be responsible for ROW acquisition, utility adjustments, and maintenance after project completion. Once the bridge projects are complete by TxDOT, the City will review and accept continued maintenance.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternatively, City Council could choose not to approve these ordinances; however, the City will lose the opportunity to improve the Evans Road Bridge at Drain, Augusta Street Bridge at San

Antonio River, Crockett Street Bridge at San Antonio River; and South Presa Street Bridge at San Antonio River, with no required financial contribution to the design and construction of each project. The most cost-effective option would be to approve these Advanced Funding Agreements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of four (4) separate Advanced Funding Agreements between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), where the City's local government match contribution is waived for the following bridge replacement or rehabilitation projects performed by TxDOT and accepted by the City upon construction completion: Evans Road Bridge at Drain; Augusta Street Bridge at San Antonio River; Crockett Street Bridge at San Antonio River; and South Presa Street Bridge at San Antonio River.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.