



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 7

SUBJECT:

Advanced Funding Agreement: Abe Lincoln Shared Use Path

SUMMARY:

An ordinance approving an Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), accepting reimbursement in the estimated amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 from TxDOT for construction-related expenses and authorizing payment in the amount not to exceed \$20,566.00 to TxDOT for administrative oversight of federal funds for the Abe Lincoln Shared Use Path project, a General Fund and federally funded project located in Council District 7. The match for this project is \$300,000.00 which will be paid for by the City. Funding is available from General Fund included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In an effort to provide connectivity for multi-modal transportation within the City of San Antonio, the Abe Lincoln Shared Use Path project was selected for Congestion and Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Local Agency Managed projects are managed by the City but receive federal funds administered through TxDOT. The

funds paid to TxDOT by the City are for costs associated with oversight of the administration of the federal funds.

This project will construct a shared used path for local pedestrians and bicyclists along Abe Lincoln from Eckhert Road to Horn Boulevard, located in Council District 7, using available right-of-way on the east side of the roadway. The City will design and manage the construction of the improvements leveraging funding from TxDOT.

ISSUE:

This ordinance approves an Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), accepting reimbursement in the estimated amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 from TxDOT for construction-related expenses and authorizing payment in the amount not to exceed \$20,566.00 to TxDOT for administrative oversight of federal funds for the Abe Lincoln Shared Use Path project, a General Fund and federally funded project located in Council District 7.

The Abe Lincoln Shared Use Path project will provide for enhanced safety and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists through the construction of a 1.45-mile concrete path along Abe Lincoln from Eckhert Road to Horn Boulevard located in Council District 7 using available right-of-way on the east side of the roadway. The City will design and construct the improvements leveraging funding from TxDOT. Project construction is anticipated to begin in Winter 2026 and is estimated to be completed in Spring 2027.

This project was selected for funding through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). As a requirement of the TIP, the local agency is responsible for 20% of the construction cost, with the remaining 80% being provided federally through TxDOT. This Advanced Funding Agreement with TxDOT will allow construction-related project costs to qualify for federal cost-sharing up to the federally approved amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00. The remaining construction cost of \$300,000.00 will be the responsibility of the City of San Antonio.

Approval of these ordinances will continue the City's commitment to maintaining and improving existing infrastructure in collaboration with other governmental agencies.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternatively, the City Council could choose not to approve this ordinance; however, the City will lose the opportunity to receive reimbursement from TxDOT, delaying the project or requiring a change in scope within the budget. The most cost-effective option would be to approve the Advanced Funding Agreements with TxDOT.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of funds from TxDOT for reimbursement of construction costs in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 in federal funds allocated to the City from TxDOT and administered by TxDOT as a federal pass-through grant associated with the construction of the Abe Lincoln Shared Use Path project. Actual costs to be reimbursed by TxDOT will be finalized with the award of a construction contract.

This ordinance authorizes a one-time capital improvement expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$20,566.00 to TxDOT for the Abe Lincoln Shared Use Path project for administrative oversight of federal funds associated with this project. The local City match for this project is \$300,000.00. Funds are available from previously authorized General Funds included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvements Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and accepting reimbursement in the estimated amount of \$1,200,000.00 from TxDOT for construction-related expenses and authorizing payment in the amount not to exceed \$20,566.00 to TxDOT for administrative oversight of federal funds for the Abe Lincoln Shared Use Path project.