



City of San Antonio

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 3, District 4

SUBJECT:

Funding Reallocation: East-West Connector Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) Realignment Project

SUMMARY:

Ordinance creating the East-West Connector Major Thoroughfare Plan Realignment Project and allocating \$250,000 from the Economic Development Incentive Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget to the project located in Council Districts 3 and 4.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City supports the development of an East-West roadway across the southern region of San Antonio, providing access to major manufacturing employers. The East-West business corridor is one of the City of San Antonio's proposed priorities for the 89th legislative session. Funding from the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) in the amount of \$250,000.00 will be reallocated to the East-West Connector MTP Realignment project to complete a feasibility study.

Per Section 3.1.g. Grant Eligibility and Program/Project Categories of the Chapter 380/ EDIF Guidelines, investments in infrastructure, facilities, and equipment to support growth in the Targeted Industries is an eligible use of funds.

The feasibility study for the East-West Connector will identify and evaluate roadway alignment alternatives from IH-35 to IH-37. The study will include data collection, potential environmental and right-of-way impacts, traffic engineering projections and construction cost estimates. The intent of the study is to compile the necessary data that could be used to gather support and secure future potential federal and state funding for the construction of the East-West roadway.

ISSUE:

This ordinance creates the East-West Connector MTP Realignment Project and allocates funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Economic Development Incentive Fund to the project located in Council Districts 3 and 4.

The city is proposing to fund a feasibility study to support the development of an east-west roadway across the southern region of San Antonio that would support economic development efforts considering the growth of the residential and employment base in the region. Recent target industry growth includes investments by International (formerly Navistar), Toyota, and JCB Texas.

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ALTERNATIVES:

Alternatively, the City Council could choose not to reallocate the FY 2025 Economic Development Incentive funds; however, this would delay the completion of the feasibility study needed to evaluate potential roadway alignment alternatives and gather the data necessary that could be used to secure future potential federal and state funding opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance creates the East-West Connector MTP Realignment Project and allocates funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Economic Development Incentive Fund to the project. Funds are available from the FY 2025 Economic Development Incentive Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of an ordinance.