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09/12/24
Item No.

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS
AND EQUITY (NAE) PLANNING GRANT OF \$2,960,000.00 AND
APPROPRIATING MATCHING FUNDS OF \$740,000.00 COMPRISED OF
INTEREST EARNINGS AND MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE FROM THE
HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX (HOT) REDEMPTION AND CAPITAL FUND**

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WHEREAS, in 2023, the USDOT issued a notice of a funding opportunity for the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program, and the application offered a funding opportunity comprised of the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) and NAE programs; and

WHEREAS, the programs strive to revitalize and reconnect communities disconnected by the negative impact of past investment in transportation and infrastructure; and the accompanying grants provide funding to limit and remedy the negative effects by improving access, mobility, connectivity, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, following a briefing to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in September 2023, the City of San Antonio (the City) applied for a grant to overcome the barrier created by Interstate 37, thereby improving the connection between Downtown San Antonio, Hemisfair, and the East Side; and

WHEREAS, the City received a planning grant for \$2,960,000.00 through the NAE program and must provide matching funds of \$740,000.00 for a total of \$3,700,000.00; and the grant will fund (1) comprehensive, community-driven planning and (2) the engineering and planning studies to design a project that minimizes the impact of the barrier created by Interstate 37 and improves the connection between Downtown San Antonio, Hemisfair, and the East Side; and

WHEREAS, the planning will engage residents and form a committee to oversee the process and provide feedback from stakeholders, and the resulting design will allow the City to apply for and receive funds for the construction of the project; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or his designee, or the Director of the Transportation Department or her designee, is authorized to accept the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) planning grant of \$2,960,000.00 and appropriate matching funds of \$740,000.00 comprised of interest earnings and miscellaneous revenue from the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Redemption and Capital Fund.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon receiving eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this __th day of September 2024.

MAYOR
Ron Nirenberg

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ATTEST:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney