



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Transportation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Catherine Hernandez

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** District 4, District 6

**SUBJECT:**

Advanced Funding Agreement: Multimodal Planning Study for Marbach Road

**SUMMARY:**

Ordinance authorizing the execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of San Antonio, accepting grant reimbursement in the estimated amount of \$800,000.00 from TxDOT related to the planning costs and authorizing payment in the amount not to exceed \$5,600.00 to TxDOT for Direct State Costs for the Multimodal Planning Study of Marbach Road from I-410 to San Antonio City Limits located in Council Districts 4 and 6. Funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 from General Fund and \$5,600.00 from the Advanced Transportation District fund is available from the FY 2025 Adopted Budgets.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Project Background**

The SA Tomorrow Multimodal Transportation Plan includes a set of policies and practices to implement the plan. Implementation of the plan requires the City's Transportation Department (TD) to continuously communicate the City's transportation strategy for the future, develop proposed improvements that address all modes, and provide for a method of prioritizing projects.

San Antonio must utilize a multipronged approach so that all transportation opportunities are considered, and all modes of transportation are funded.

In 2018, the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) approved Corridor Mobility Planning as a Local Agency Managed (LAM) project of the AAMPO 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Corridor Mobility Planning project is a partnership between the City and VIA Metropolitan Transit for in-depth analysis and preliminary project development on four (4) multimodal corridor transformations. For each year of the TIP, one of the four corridors will receive a Multimodal Planning Study to create design planning concepts with public involvement. Culebra Road was the first arterial of the four allocated in the AAMPO 2019-2022 TIP awards and was completed in December 2022. In 2022, Transportation identified three (3) corridors for future corridor studies: Marbach Road, followed by Harry Wurzbach Road, and finally, West Avenue. The project outcome will provide design planning concepts of either high-capacity transit potential or traditional transit service with enhanced multimodal transformation for vehicle safety, pedestrian mobility, micro mobility access, and congestion relief.

Corridor Mobility Planning is a four-year project totaling \$4,000,000.00 with annual funding of \$1,000,000.00 to include \$800,000.00 (80%) in Federal funding and \$200,000.00 (20%) in local funding. Starting in FY 2019 and ending in FY 2022, \$800,000.00 of Federal funding is allocated annually through TIP. The TIP has been amended by AAMPO to the 2023-26 TIP to ensure that the remaining Corridor Mobility Planning corridors are funded. While the AAMPO procures and receives the Federal funding, TxDOT is the agency authorized to administer and distribute the Federal funds to the project recipients. The Transportation Department will initiate council action each year that the funding is allocated to receive approvals on the advanced funding agreements associated with each of the remaining arterial studies. Therefore, an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) between TxDOT and the City is required and must be approved by City Council for TxDOT to administrate and distribute the Federal funds.

Through the AFA, the City will be reimbursed for an estimated \$800,000.00 of a future Professional Services Agreement between a Consultant, who will be procured in the near future, and the City to provide design planning concepts for the Multimodal Planning Study for Marbach Road from I-410 to San Antonio City Limits. The City will fund the remaining estimated project costs of \$205,600.00.

This Advanced Funding Agreement with TxDOT will allow for the planning costs to qualify for Federal cost sharing for reimbursement up to the Federal approved limit of \$800,000.00 for a Local Agency Managed (LAM) project. The Local Agency Managed (LAM) projects are managed by the City but they receive Federal funds administered through TxDOT. Any remaining costs beyond the \$800,000.00 for the City's LAM of the Multimodal Planning Study of Marbach Road from I-410 to San Antonio City Limits will be the responsibility of the City.

#### **ISSUE:**

This item would approve an AFA between the City of San Antonio and TxDOT for a multi-modal study along Marbach Road.

Total costs for the Multimodal Planning Study for Marbach Road from I-410 to San Antonio City Limits are estimated at \$1,000,000.00; of which, \$800,000.00 (80%) will be funded with Federal funds procured by the AAMPO and administered by TxDOT and \$200,000.00 (20% plus) will be funded by the City. A share of the costs, estimated not to exceed \$800,000.00 will be reimbursed by TxDOT to the City as part of the LAM project. Actual costs to be reimbursed by TxDOT will be finalized with the awarding of a future Professional Services Agreement.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

As an alternative, City Council could choose not to authorize the execution of this Advanced Funding Agreement. However, the City will lose the opportunity to receive Federal fund reimbursement from TxDOT for these costs. This would then delay the project or require a change in scope to fit within the available \$205,600.00 of City funds.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of San Antonio authorizing payment to TxDOT in the amount not to exceed \$5,600.00 with funds available from Advanced Transportation District Fund; and accepting reimbursement from TxDOT in the estimated amount of \$800,000.00 related to the planning costs for the Multimodal Planning Study of Culebra Road from I-410 to San Antonio City Limits. The 20% match for this project is \$200,000.00 and is available from the General Fund.

Costs will be allocated based on 80% Federal funding and 20% Local Government funding until the federal funding reaches the maximum obligated amount. The Local Government will then be responsible for 100% of the costs and cost overruns.

Description	Total Estimated Cost	Federal Participation		State Participation		Local Participation	
		%	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost
STBG (by Local Government) \$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	80%	\$800,000	0%	\$0	20%	\$200,000
Direct State Costs	\$5,600	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	100%	\$5,600
Indirect State Costs (4.60%)	\$258	0%	\$0	100%	\$258	0%	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,005,858</b>		<b>\$800,000</b>		<b>\$258</b>		<b>\$205,600</b>

Initial payment by the Local Government to the State due 30 days following the execution of the contract: **\$5,600**

Estimated total payment by the Local Government to the State: **\$5,600**

This is an estimate. The final amount of Local Government participation will be based on actual costs.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends authorizing the execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of San Antonio, accepting grant reimbursement in the estimated amount of \$800,000.00 from TxDOT related to the planning costs and authorizing payment in the amount not to exceed \$5,600.00 to TxDOT for Direct State Costs for the Multimodal Planning Study of Marbach Road from I-410 to San Antonio City Limits, located in Council Districts 4 and 6.