

Item #16

**USDOT Neighborhood  
Access and Equity (NAE)  
Planning Grant**

City Council A Session

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# BACKGROUND

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- In 2023, US Department of Transportation issued a notice of funding opportunity for the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program.
- Planning grants were made available to projects which aim to mitigate the impacts of freeways by improving connectivity, mobility, access, and economic development.
- In 2023, City applied for funds to develop conceptual design solutions to overcome the barrier created by Interstate 37.





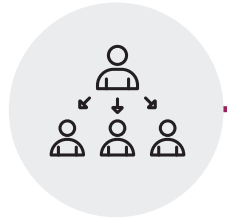
# AWARD

- In March 2024, the USDOT awarded \$3.3 billion in funding to over 130 planning and capital projects.
- The City was awarded a \$2.96M Planning grant:



- The grant will fund a **community-driven planning effort** to mitigate the impacts of I-37 and better connect downtown San Antonio and Hemisfair to historically underserved communities on the Eastside.

# IMPLEMENTATION



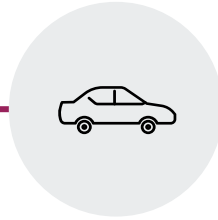
## Solicitation + Selection

RFQ to be released  
October 2024.



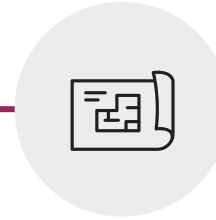
## Community Engagement

Community  
Participation Plan;  
Oversight committee;  
Public workshops;  
Stakeholder meetings;  
Outreach events.



## Existing Conditions

Assessment to  
understand how the  
current infrastructure  
supports people on foot,  
bike, or other methods  
outside of a car.



## Alternative Concepts

At least two concepts  
are developed based on  
community vision and  
existing conditions.



## Alternatives Analysis

Preliminary design,  
engineering, and cost  
estimation, leading to a  
preferred concept to  
advance into design  
and construction.

Fall 2024

Spring 2025

Summer 2025

Fall 2025



# RECOMMENDATION

- Staff recommends authorizing the approval and acceptance of the USDOT Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) Planning Grant funds in the amount of \$2,960,000, and authorizing matching funds in the amount of \$740,000.



**THANK YOU!**

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