



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 5

SUBJECT:

Advanced Funding Agreement: North Frio Bike and Pedestrian Improvements (West Houston Street to Interstate Highway 10)

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 \$5,409,644.00 from TxDOT for construction-related expenses and authorizing payment in the amount not to exceed \$96,886.00 to TxDOT for administrative oversight of federal funds for the North Frio Bike and Pedestrian Improvements (West Houston Street to Interstate Highway 10) project, a federally funded project located in Council District 5, The match for this project is \$1,352,411.00 which will be paid for by the City and funding is available from General Obligation Funds and 2022 General Obligation Bond Funds included in the FY 2025 - FY 2030 Capital Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As part of the adopted FY 2023 Budget, \$2.2 million was authorized to provide connectivity and pedestrian safety improvements along the North Frio corridor from West Houston Street to

Interstate Highway 10. The project scope includes the construction of bike lanes, sidewalks, and improved connections to VIA Centro Plaza.

The North Frio Bike and Pedestrian Improvements (West Houston Street to Interstate Highway 10) project was selected for funding through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with funding allocated from Transportation Alternatives (TA) for bike and pedestrian projects. Local agency 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 for administration of the federal funds.

This project is currently under design and will provide connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists within the City of San Antonio to walk and bike in the area. The City will design and construct the improvements, leveraging funding from TxDOT. Project construction is anticipated to begin in Winter 2027 and is estimated to be completed in Winter 2028.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of 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 \$5,409,644.00 from TxDOT for construction-related expenses and authorizing payment in the amount not to exceed \$96,886.00 to TxDOT for administrative oversight of federal funds for the North Frio Bike and Pedestrian Improvements (West Houston Street to Interstate Highway 10) project, a federally funded project located in Council District 5, with funding available from General Obligation Funds and 2022 General Obligation Bond funds included in the FY 2025 – FY 2030 Capital Improvement Program.

The North Frio Bike and Pedestrian Improvements (West Houston Street to Interstate Highway 10) project will provide safety and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists by constructing 6-foot sidewalks and 5-foot bike lanes to connect the surrounding residents and businesses to VIA Centro Plaza.

The City will construct the improvements leveraging funding from TxDOT through an Advanced Funding Agreement. This project was selected for funding through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) under Transportation Alternatives (TA) for pedestrian and bike improvement projects. 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 \$5,409,644.00. The remaining construction cost will be the responsibility of the City of San Antonio.

Approval of this ordinance 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 budget. The most cost-effective option would be to approve the Advanced Funding Agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of funds from TxDOT for reimbursement of construction costs in an amount not to exceed \$5,409,644.00 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 North Frio Bike and Pedestrian Improvements (West Houston Street to Interstate Highway 10) project. Actual costs to be reimbursed by TxDOT will be finalized with the award of a construction contract.

This ordinance authorizes a one-time expenditure to TxDOT in the amount not to exceed \$96,886.00 for administrative oversight of federal funds associated with North Frio Bike and Pedestrian Improvements (West Houston Street to Interstate Highway 10) project. The match for this project is \$1,352,411.00 which will be paid for by the City and funding is available from General Obligation Funds and 2022 General Obligation Bond Funds included in the FY 2025 - FY 2030 Capital Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), accepting reimbursement in the estimated amount of \$5,409,644.00 from TxDOT for construction-related expenses and authorizing payment in the amount not to exceed \$96,886.00 to TxDOT for administrative oversight of federal funds for the North Frio Bike and Pedestrian Improvements (West Houston Street to Interstate Highway 10) project.