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COUNCIL DISTRICT IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call For Project Process

SUMMARY:

Transportation and Public Works Department will provide a briefing to the City Council Transportation & Mobility Committee on the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) call for projects process for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and lessons learned.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The AAMPO includes all of Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe Counties and a portion of Kendall County. As part of the AAMPO's planning process, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is developed cooperatively among the partner agencies to determine the allocation of federal transportation funds for major roadway, highway, bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation, and other projects.

The TIP is a four-year financially restricted list of transportation projects approved for federal and state funding by the AAMPO Transportation Policy Board. The TIP is updated every two years and amended quarterly.

On October 1, 2020, the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) opened TIP program project calls for three separate funding source categories for funding consideration in FY 2023-2026:

- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)

In this process, federal transportation funds are allocated to major road, street, highway, bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation, and other programs. The implementing agency commits to developing and letting selected projects within one year of the let year in which the projects are initially placed in the Transportation Improvement Program.

For infrastructure projects, only eligible items related to construction will be reimbursable and all project development costs (such as design, engineering, environmental, utility relocation and right of way acquisition) are the responsibility of the implementing agency. This requires the local entity to have approximately 50% of the overall project costs available and identified in local funds.

All of the projects recommended by the local agency must be technically vetted to have a feasible scope and an identified funding source. The staff prepares project summary information, mapping, funding breakdown, including sourcing, cost estimations, and appropriate calculations to complete the online AAMPO applications. In the months before the application due date, all preparation must be in place to complete the necessary application package prior council coordination and action.

The schedule for the preparation and submission of the proposed projects was as follows:

- October 2020 - Program Call For Projects
- November 2020 - Preparation of Staff Recommended Project List and Funding Identification
- December 2020 - January 2021 - Input from City Council and Departments on Potential Projects
- February 2021 - Finalize Project Lists & Brief Council on Proposed Projects
- March 2021 - Prepare Applications & Council Approval of Proposed Projects
- April 2021 - Application Submission

ISSUE:

Transportation and Public Works Departments will provide a briefing to the City Council Transportation & Mobility Committee on the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) proposed projects for the call for projects for the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The 19 projects proposed by the Transportation and Public Works Departments and approved by City Council on March 18, 2021 through Ordinance 2021-03-18-0172 were selected based on the following factors:

- Community
 - Connectivity
 - Transit
 - Equity
 - Density

- Existing Roadway Conditions
 - Intersection
 - Functional Classification
 - Crashes

- Proposed Features
 - Connect Modes
 - Accessibility
 - Sustainability
 - Safety

- Feasibility
 - Physical Features
 - Funding
 - Right-of-Way
 - Community Engagement

This briefing will provide an overview of the general process, including AAMPO scoring criteria for their project selection recommendations; and, include the lessons learned from this process to improve future City project funding submissions.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is a briefing only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a briefing only.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a briefing only.