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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on Brooks' submission for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant.

SUMMARY:

The Transportation and Mobility Committee will receive an update on Brooks' submission to the 2022 U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Brooks is a 1,308-acre mixed-use community in San Antonio City Council District 3. It is owned and managed by the Brooks Development Authority and governed by an 11-member Board of Directors that is appointed by the San Antonio Mayor and City Council. Brooks is a public-private partnership that was created in 2001 by the United States Congress, the State of Texas, and the City of San Antonio to redevelop the former Brooks Air Force Base.

Today, the Brooks campus has more than 50 businesses, 3,200 jobs, 2,300 residents, and 2,900 students. In preparation for the more than 5,000 jobs, 3,300 residents, and 5,000 students being added to Brooks in the coming years, investment in infrastructure at Brooks is vital. With \$818 million in development, to date, and \$310 million in development underway, Brooks continues to be successful in these efforts.

Reconstructing major roads and building new roads is imperative to support the region's growing population. Brooks has ranked the reconstruction of Sidney Brooks, the main 1.4-mile east-to-west corridor on the campus, as its top infrastructure priority. The proposed 2022-2027 City of San Antonio Bond Program includes \$15 million for the project, which will address Sidney Brooks (East) from City-Base Landing to South New Braunfels Avenue. This portion of the road is the most critical phase of the project, as it will be the point of ingress and egress for the redevelopment of Heritage Oaks which will add 450 single-family, for-rent residential units to the Brooks campus.

Publicly funded projects would not be possible without support and advocacy from the City of San Antonio. Case in point is the 2022 U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant, a competitive grant program that will fund surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact. The City and its partner agencies recently agreed to support the reconstruction of Sidney Brooks (West) from South New Braunfels Avenue to South Presa Street as the San Antonio regional submission to the RAISE Grant. Sidney Brooks (West) will leverage the \$15 million in investment in Sidney Brooks (East) pending voter-approval of the proposed 2022-2027 Bond Program. Sidney Brooks Street connects thousands of residents, students, and visitors to the more than 50 businesses, major retail, housing, and other amenities. The proposed project will improve the existing corridor to a 4-lane divided roadway with a center median. The Sidney Brooks right-of-way will include public utilities, underground electric and telecommunications duct banks, storm water infrastructure, landscaping, streetlights, and multi-use sidewalks which will be used by pedestrians, bikes and micro-mobility vehicles, and connect to public areas within the Brooks campus.

The deadline for RAISE Grant applications is April 14, 2022, and selections will be announced no later than August 12, 2022.

ISSUE:

The Brooks Vision is a world-class region, honoring our rich and vibrant history, encompassing transformative investments which contribute to San Antonio, Texas' overall success. The Brooks Mission is to promote and develop a dynamic, sustainable, and inclusive community by serving as a catalyst for transformative economic development and regional prosperity.

Brooks, a 1,308-acre campus, is a part of the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. The Brooks Regional Center is 7,500-acres, to include the Brooks campus, and was the first plan to be formally adopted by the San Antonio City Council in 2019.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law represents a significant increase in infrastructure funding. The San Antonio region developed and is executing a strategy to maximize federal awards to benefit the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For briefing purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES:

For briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

For briefing purposes only.