



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 2

SUBJECT:

Advanced Funding Agreement: Fort Sam Houston - Salado Creek Trail (John James Park to Jack White Park)

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 \$3,600,000.00 from TxDOT for construction-related expenses and authorizing payment in the amount not to exceed \$61,699.00 to TxDOT for administrative oversight of federal funds for the Fort Sam Houston - Salado Creek Trail (John James Park to Jack White Park) project, a sales tax initiatives and federally funded project, located in Council District 2. The match for this project is \$900,000 which will be paid for by the City. Funding in the amount of \$961,699 is available from 2015 Sales Tax Venue Funds and included in the FY 2023 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

To fully connect completed segments of the Salado Creek Greenway trails north of Fort Sam Houston base with those trails south of the base, the Parks and Recreation Department has been

working on preparing for a 3.7-mile greenway trail project through Fort Sam Houston along its eastern border. The execution of an agreement with Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) for the Salado Creek Greenway connection to be constructed was approved by City Council through Ordinance 2016-02-11-0076. The proposed project is part of a growing network of interconnected hike and bike trails known as the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails system, funded through sales tax initiatives approved by voters in 2000, 2005, 2010, and 2015.

The Fort Sam Houston - Salado Creek Trail (John James Park to Jack White Park) project was selected for funding through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Local Agency Managed 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 of the administration of the federal funds. The project will provide open space along San Antonio Creek ways and develop multi-use hike and bike trails, trailheads, signage, and associated amenities for San Antonio residents and visitors. The City will design and construct the improvements leveraging funding from TxDOT.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to accept reimbursement in the estimated amount not to exceed \$3,600,000.00 from TxDOT for construction-related expenses and authorizes payment in the amount not to exceed \$61,699.00 to TxDOT for administrative oversight of federal funds for the Fort Sam Houston - Salado Creek Trail (John James Park to Jack White Park) project, a sales tax initiatives and federally funded project, located in Council District 2.

The Fort Sam Houston - Salado Creek Trail project located between John James Park to Jack White Park will provide for pedestrian safety and connectivity by constructing a 3.7-mile concrete greenway trail to connect completed segments of the Salado Creek Greenway fully trails north of Fort Sam Houston base with those trails south of the base. Additional pedestrian and vehicular safety improvements will include trailhead amenities, traffic safety beacons, signage, and striping throughout the corridor. The City will design and construct the improvements leveraging funding from TxDOT. Project construction is anticipated to begin in November 2026 and is estimated to be completed in Spring 2028.

This project was selected for funding through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). 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 \$3,600,000.00. The remaining construction cost of \$900,000.00 will be the responsibility of the City of San Antonio.

Approval of these ordinances will continue the City's commitment to maintaining and improving existing infrastructure in collaboration with other governmental agencies.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to approve this ordinance; however, the City will lose the opportunity to receive reimbursement from TxDOT, delaying the projects or requiring a change in scope within budget. The most cost-effective option would be to approve the Advanced Funding Agreement with TxDOT.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of funds from TxDOT for reimbursement of construction costs in an amount not to exceed \$3,600,000.00 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 Fort Sam Houston - Salado Creek Trail (John James Park to Jack White Park) project. Actual costs to be reimbursed by TxDOT will be finalized with the award of a construction contract.

This ordinance authorizes a one-time capital improvement expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$61,699.00 to TxDOT for the Fort Sam Houston - Salado Creek Trail (John James Park to Jack White Park) project. The match for this project is \$900,000.00 and the City also will pay \$61,699.00 for administrative oversight of federal funds associated with the project. Funding in the amount of \$961,699 is available from 2015 Sales Tax Venue Funds and included in the FY 2023 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving an Advanced Funding Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), accepting reimbursement in the estimated amount of \$3,600,000.00 from TxDOT for construction-related expenses and authorizing payment in the amount not to exceed \$61,699.00 to TxDOT for administrative oversight of federal funds for the Fort Sam Houston - Salado Creek Trail (John James Park to Jack White Park) project.