



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Transportation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Catherine Hernandez

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** District 3

**SUBJECT:**

Advance Funding Agreement: Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Off-System

**SUMMARY:**

An ordinance authorizing the execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for payment in an amount not to exceed \$378,231.00 payable to TxDOT for the City's match of construction costs and administrative oversight of federal funds and accepting \$3,024,152.00 in Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP) infrastructure to include a raised center median and pedestrian safety improvements including Mid-Block Crosswalks, along Pleasanton Road/Moursund Boulevard between Fitch Avenue and Loop 410, a Vision Zero Safety Project, located in Council District 3. Funding is available from the General Fund and is included in the FY 2023– FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP) aims to eliminate or reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes. The program is limited to a specific project and crash types identified in the Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The HSIP included funds for construction and operational improvements of qualifying projects located off the state highway system. Federal dollars are used to fund the program and TxDOT will bid and construct the project.

As part of this agreement, TxDOT requires the City to be responsible for some of TxDOT's direct costs for administrative oversight. For these projects, the City is also required to pay for 100% of the design and 10% of the construction costs that are within the proposed budget. The City will oversee the timely completion of the projects with no additional State or Federal funding and without decreasing the scope and/or terms of the projects' work.

Based on traffic studies performed by the Transportation Department's On-Call engineering services consultant, historic pedestrian and bicyclist injury and accident data, and staff recommendations, a Vision Zero Project was identified for a 3.4 miles corridor of Pleasanton Road/Moursund Boulevard extending from the intersection of Pleasanton Road and Fitch Avenue to Moursund Boulevard and Loop 410. Planned improvements include constructing a raised center median with bays and turn-outs for controlling vehicular movements, and other physical improvements for promoting safe pedestrian passage along the project corridor.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) authorizing payment in an amount not to exceed \$378,231.00 payable to TxDOT for the City's match of construction costs in the amount of \$336,017.00 and administrative oversight of federal funds in the amount of \$42,214.00 with any unused funds to be returned and accepting \$ 3,024,152.00 in Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP) infrastructure to include a raised center median and pedestrian safety improvements, including Mid-Block Crosswalks along Pleasanton Road/Moursund Boulevard between Fitch Avenue and Loop 410, a Vision Zero Safety Project.

This project provides federal funds to cover 90% of the construction costs while the local government is required to provide funding to cover 10% of the construction costs, TxDOT's direct costs for administrative oversight as well as 100% of the design. TxDOT will bid and construct the projects. Once construction is completed, the City will own, operate, and maintain the HSIP infrastructure.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

As an alternative, City Council could choose not to approve this Advance Funding Agreement and not accept these funds for TxDOT constructing the safety improvements along the Pleasanton Road/Moursund Boulevard project corridor; however, the City would then be responsible to fund 100% of the construction costs to complete the Vision Zero Safety Project.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes a one-time capital improvement expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$378,231.00 payable to TxDOT for the City's match of construction costs and administrative oversight of federal funds and accepting \$3,024,152.00 in Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP) infrastructure to include a raised center median along Pleasanton Road/Moursund

Boulevard between Fitch Avenue and Loop 410. Funding is available from the General Fund and is included and amends the 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance authorizing the execution of an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for improvements to include a raised center median along Pleasanton Road/Moursund Boulevard between Fitch Avenue and Loop 410, a Vision Zero Safety Project, located in Council District 3.