



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Razi Hosseini

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** District 2

**SUBJECT:**

Funding Agreement: Ft. Sam Houston Veteran Administration Roadway Extension

**SUMMARY:**

An ordinance approving the execution of a Funding Agreement between the United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and the City of San Antonio accepting funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for design and construction oversight of the Ft. Sam Houston Veteran Administration Roadway Extension located in Council District 2; and approving the appropriation of these funds from the VA to the Fort Sam ISD New Roadway (Winans Road to Rittiman Road) Project that is within the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Project Background

On February 11, 2016, Ordinance 2016-02-11-0078 authorized the exchange of easements with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the City to accept a 7.973-acre easement located along Salado Creek in NCB 12175 in Council District 2 for the Linear Creekway Development project and grant a 10.116-acre access easement for a utility road along the border of John James Park. Due to permitting requirements and funding constraints by the VA construction of the utility roadway was delayed. The City, has since designed and

constructed the roadway as part of the 2017 Bond Program for the Fort Sam ISD New Roadway (Winans Road to Rittiman Road) project, providing a two-lane roadway for a secondary access road to Robert G. Cole Middle School. City Council approved this project on October 29, 2020, through Ordinance 2020-10-29-0755 and construction was completed in July 2021.

The Funding Agreement will allow the VA to extend the roadway parallel to Winans Road for approximately 1000 feet and complete the initially planned utility road allowing secondary maintenance access to the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. The VA will provide funding and project construction plans and specifications associated with the proposed roadway extension for the City to complete project oversight, including design review, periodic inspections and quality assurance testing during construction to comply with City standards. Additionally, as part of the agreement, an Easement Dedication will allow the VA to construct and maintain the secondary access roadway extension to the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. The agreement will also finalize the easement for the Linear Creekway Development project along Salado Creek.

The construction of the roadway extension is anticipated to begin in November 2021 and is estimated to be completed in February 2022.

#### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance approves the execution of a Funding Agreement between the United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and the City of San Antonio accepting funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for design and construction oversight of the Ft. Sam Houston Veteran Administration Roadway Extension located in Council District 2, and approves the appropriation and amending of the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program of these funds from the VA to the Fort Sam ISD New Roadway (Winans Road to Rittiman Road) Project.

The Funding Agreement with the VA will provide funding for the City to review design documents, provide periodic construction inspections and quality assurance testing, and oversee an approximate 1000 foot two-lane roadway extension for the VA to provide a secondary access road to the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. The roadway extension will tie into the newly constructed 2017 Bond project Fort Sam ISD New Roadway (Winans Road to Rittiman Rd) and parallel to Winans Road. Additionally, as part of the agreement, an Easement Dedication will allow the VA to construct and maintain the secondary access roadway extension to the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. The construction of the roadway extension is anticipated to begin in November 2021 and is estimated to be completed in February 2022.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council could choose not to approve the agreement; however, doing so would delay providing a secondary access point for the VA to maintain the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance approves the execution of a Funding Agreement with the VA and accepts funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from the VA for the design and construction oversight of the Ft. Sam Houston Veteran Administration Roadway Extension. This ordinance also approves the appropriation of these funds from the VA to the Fort Sam ISD New Roadway (Winans Road to Rittiman Road) Project that is within the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance authorizing the execution of a Funding Agreement between the United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and the City of San Antonio accepting funds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for design and construction oversight of the Ft. Sam Houston Veteran Administration Roadway Extension.