



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 7

SUBJECT:

Interlocal Agreement: Seeling Channel Phase IV Drainage Project

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio (City) and Bexar County in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 for the design, environmental and construction-related costs for Seeling Channel Phase IV Drainage, a previously authorized General Obligation Bond and Storm Water Regional Facilities funded project, located in Council District 7; and authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of funds in the amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 from Bexar County for the Seeling Channel Phase IV Drainage Project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On May 6, 2017, voters approved the 2017 Bond Program, which included funds in the amount of \$18,000,000.00 for the continuation of a multi-phase floodplain improvement project of Seeling Channel from Morning Glory to upstream of St. Cloud to include curbs, sidewalks and driveway approaches as needed located in Council District 7. Phase III of the Seeling Channel project is currently under construction and nearing completion, allowing for the preliminary engineering and design of Phase IV of the project to be completed. This project phase is part of the overall, ongoing drainage initiative to design and construct a vital underground storm drainage system upstream of

Seeling Boulevard and St. Cloud.

On September 10, 2019, the Bexar County Commissioners Court approved the FY 2020 Capital Improvements Project Budget which included funding in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 for Phase IV of the Seeling Channel Drainage project for the preliminary engineering, design, real estate, environmental and construction-related costs of the Project. The City will manage the design and construction of the project.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio (City) and Bexar County in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 for Seeling Channel Phase IV Drainage project located in Council District 7; and, authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of funds in the amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 from Bexar County for this project.

The Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County will provide for the design, environmental and construction-related costs of Phase IV of the Seeling Channel project. This agreement will assist the City with furthering the efficiency and effectiveness of its flood control efforts.

The Seeling Channel project will be designed to maximize drainage conveyance through the area and reduce the flood extents and localized residential flooding for approximately 100 properties relative to the 100-year floodplain and result in a realignment of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) floodplain. Bexar County recognizes this project as a regional flood control project that aligns with Bexar County's objective of improving regional flood control.

ALTERNATIVES:

As an alternative, City Council could choose not to approve this Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County. However, this would result in the City either having to reduce the overall scope or defer the completion of Seeling Channel Phase IV Drainage Project. The most cost-effective option is to approve this agreement which will reduce costs and further maximize drainage improvements already completed in prior phases of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance approves an Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County and authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of funds from Bexar County in the amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 for Seeling Channel Phase IV Drainage, a previously authorized General Obligation Bond and Storm Water Regional Facilities funded project included in the FY 2022 – FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio and Bexar County in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 for the Seeling Channel Phase IV Drainage Project; and, authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of funds in the amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00 from Bexar County for this project.