



City of San Antonio

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 1, District 4, District 5, District 7

SUBJECT:

Advanced Funding Agreement: Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements (Sidewalk and Bicycle Lanes)

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 Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements (Sidewalk and Bicycle Lanes) project, a General Obligation Bond and federally funded project located in Council Districts 1, 4, 5 and 7. The match for this project is \$900,000.00. Funding for the administrative oversight and City Match is available from previously authorized General Obligation Bond funds and included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

To increase pedestrian and vehicular safety, especially around highly traveled pedestrian areas and transportation sites, the Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements (Sidewalk and Bicycle Lanes)

project was selected for funding through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The City manages Local Agency Managed projects but receives federal funds administered through TxDOT. The funds paid to TxDOT by the City are for costs associated with the administrative oversight of the federal funds.

The Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements project from Fredericksburg Road to Loop 13 will include constructing and replacing sidewalks along Zarzamora Street to enhance pedestrian safety and connectivity. Additional improvements in this project include traffic signal upgrades, signage, and striping throughout the 7-mile corridor. The City will design and construct the improvements leveraging funding from TxDOT.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes 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 Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements (Sidewalk and Bicycle Lanes) project, a General Obligation Bond and federally funded project located in Council Districts 1, 4, 5 and 7.

The project will include constructing and replacing sidewalks along Zarzamora Street to enhance pedestrian safety and connectivity. Additional improvements in this project include traffic signal upgrades, signage, and striping throughout the 7-mile corridor. The City will design and construct the improvements leveraging funding from TxDOT. Project construction is anticipated to begin in October 2023 and is estimated to be completed in August 2024.

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 these ordinances; 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 Agreements with TxDOT.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes the 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 Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements (Sidewalk and Bicycle Lanes) project. Actual costs to be reimbursed by TxDOT will be finalized with the award of a construction contract.

This ordinance also authorizes a one-time capital improvement expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$61,699.00 to TxDOT for the Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements (Sidewalk and Bicycle Lanes) 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. Funds are available from previously authorized General Obligation Bond funds and included in 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 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 Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements (Sidewalk and Bicycle Lanes) project.