

# Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-1087

LOG NAME: 2024 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR A.V. CATO SRTS

**SUBJECT**

(CD 2) Adopt Appropriation Ordinance in the Amount of \$700,000.00 for the A. V. Cato Safe Routes to School Project, Amend the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program (2022 Bond Program)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting appropriations in the 2022 Bond Program Fund by increasing appropriations in the A.V. Cato Safe Routes to School project (City Project No. 104799) in the amount of \$700,000.00 and decreasing appropriations in the Neighborhood/School Safety Programmable project (City Project No. PB0007) by the same amount, for additional project costs; and
2. Amend the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program.

**DISCUSSION:**

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to appropriate additional funding for project management, Right of Way (ROW) acquisition, and construction of the A. V. Cato Safe Routes to School project (City Project No. 104799).

The project's scope includes designing and construction of pedestrian facilities in a 0.25-mile radius around A. V. Cato Elementary School. The improvements include sidewalks, accessible ramps, crosswalks, and related items like driveway, curb and gutter, and retaining wall construction.

This project is partially federally funded. A grant for the project was received as part of the 2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program. The grant amount was \$1,570,248.00, with a 20% local match of \$392,562.00 for a total grant-related project budget of \$1,962,810.00. Funds from the 2022 bond in the amount of \$936,031.00 were allocated to cover the local match, for design, and to manage the project.

The initial funding and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with Texas Department of transportation (TxDOT) was approved by the City Council on October 17, 2023, with M&C 23-0876. The project's design is underway. Current estimates based on the preliminary design reflect an increase in the total project cost of \$700,000.00, as per recent bids received for other similar projects. The additional funds will also pay for ROW acquisition costs and remaining project management efforts throughout the design and construction phases.

The table below summarizes past appropriations, sources, additional funding, and the estimated total cost of the project at completion:

Fund	Existing Funding	Additional Funding	Project Funding Total
34027- 2022 Bond Fund	\$936,031.00	\$700,000.00	\$1,636,031.00
31001 – Grant Cap Project	1,962,810.00		1,962.810.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,898,841.00</b>	<b>\$700,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,598,841.00</b>

This project is included in the 2022 Bond Program. The City's Extendable Commercial Paper (ECP) (M&C 22-0607; Ordinance 25765-08-2022) provides liquidity to support the appropriation. Available resources will be used to actually make any interim progress payments until the debt is issued. Once debt associated with a project is sold, debt proceeds will reimburse the interim financing source in accordance with the statement expressing official Intent to Reimburse that was adopted as part of the ordinance canvassing the bond election (Ordinance 25515-05-2022).

These funds were not included in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program because the construction costs were unknown at the time of the project development. This M&C action will amend the FY2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 27107-09-2024

This project will have no impact on the Transportation and Public Works annual operational budget when completed.

Funding is budgeted in the 2022 Bond Program Fund for the TPW Dept Highway & Streets Department for the purpose of funding the A. V. Cato SRTS project.

The project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 2.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Neighborhood/School Safety project within the 2022 Bond Program Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the 2022 Bond Program Fund for the A. V. Cato SRTS project. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Transportation and Public Works Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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