City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE**: 04/22/25 **M&C FILE NUMBER**: M&C 25-0385

LOG NAME: 2024 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT JACKSBORO HWY AT W. NORTHSIDE

#### **SUBJECT**

(CD 2) Adopt a Finding that Conditions Have Materially Changed Such that the Jacksboro Highway at West Northside Drive Intersection Improvement Project in 2022 Bond Program Should be Cancelled as a Result of Improvements at this Location Being Included in an Upcoming State Project; and Amend the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program (2022 Bond Program)

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1. Adopt a finding that conditions have materially changed such that the Jacksboro Highway at West Northside Drive Intersection Improvement project (City Project No. 103304) in 2022 Bond Program should be cancelled because those improvements will be included in an upcoming State of Texas project encompassing this location; and
- 2. Amend the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program.

## **DISCUSSION:**

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) makes a finding to cancel the bond project at the Jacksboro Highway at W. Northside Drive Intersection Improvement project (City Project No. 103304) in 2022 Bond Program and reserves the funds for other intersection improvement projects (be identified in future M&Cs) in the 2022 Bond Program that are projected to have shortfalls.

Twelve intersection improvement projects were authorized as part of the 2022 Bond Program, including the Jacksboro Highway at W. Northside Drive Intersection Improvement project. This project received \$1,700,000.00 in bond funding for the design and construction of the proposed improvements as addressed in Mayor and Council Communications (M&Cs) 22-0599 and 23-0611. This project's scope was expected to include the design and construction of an additional southbound left turn lane on the east leg of Northside Drive, new traffic signals, accessible pedestrian signals and ramps, and new signing and striping at the intersection.

In early 2022, the City of Fort Worth became aware that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has a project to expand State Highway (SH)-199 (Jacksboro Hwy) from north of West Fork Trinity River to south of Interstate Highway (IH)-820 (CSJ: 0171-05-094). The limits of the TxDOT project include the limits of this City of Fort Worth 2022 Bond project. The Transportation and Public Works Department started coordinating with TxDOT in the spring of 2022 to understand TxDOT's project scope and timeline.

According to the traffic study performed by TxDOT, adding a left turn lane at W. Northside Drive, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant sidewalks, and ramps were all warranted as part of their project. In the fall of 2023, the City received confirmation from TxDOT that the entire scope of the City's proposed 2022 Bond Intersection Improvement project was added to TxDOT's corridor expansion project. The let date for the TxDOT project is scheduled for the fall of 2028, and the construction timeline is four years, with expected completion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2032.

In a promulgated bond booklet or other explanatory information in advance of a bond election, the City routinely includes a "Statement of Commitment" advising the public that the "projects described . . . represent the program the City Council intends to undertake to accomplish the intent of the approved propositions." That statement goes on to note that the City Council reserves "the right to abandon or modify a project or its amount or source of funding if . . . conditions materially change such that the project as originally proposed is unwise or unnecessary or funding is otherwise available." As reflected above, this specific intersection project is encompassed in the state's upcoming project, rendering the proposed City project "unwise or unnecessary." Therefore, staff recommends the adoption of this M&C to formally cancel this bond project.

The Statement of Commitment also notes that if a project is canceled, "the City Council may direct that the proceeds be expended for other projects within the voter-authorized purposes of each proposition." In this case, staff recommends using the funds from the cancellation of this intersection project for other intersection improvement projects in the 2022 Bond Program within Proposition A - Streets and Mobility Infrastructure Improvements, CF2 - 22010204 - Intersection, that are projected to have shortfalls.

One or more M&Cs will be brought forward to formally reallocate and appropriate the funds to these other projects after they are further along and the exact scope of each project's additional need is better identified.

The table below summarizes past appropriations, sources, additional funding, and the total funding for project 103304:

Fund	Existing	Additional	Project Funding	2022 Bond
	Funding	Funding	Total	Residuals
34027 - 2022 Bond Program	\$1,700,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,700,000.00	\$1,662,631.70

Project Total	\$1,700,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,700,000.00	\$37,368.30

Funding for this project was included in the FY 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 and is budgeted in the 2022 Bond Program Fund in the TPW Department for the purpose of funding the Jacksboro Highway at W. Northside Drive Intersection Improvement project. If funding recommendation is approved, funding will be available in the 22 Bond Unspecified project within the 2022 Bond Program.

This 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.

#### **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of these recommendations will have no material effect on City funds.

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