

Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 22-0689

LOG NAME: 20BERRY STREET CORRIDOR STUDY

SUBJECT

(CD 5, CD 8, and CD 9) Adopt Appropriation Ordinances for the East Berry Street Corridor Project in the Collective Amount Up to \$700,000.00 and Authorize Execution of a Tax Increment Financing Development Agreement with Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve-East Berry Renaissance for an Amount Up to \$200,000.00 and Amend the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00, from available funds for the purpose of funding the East Berry Street Corridor project (City Project No. 104214);
2. Authorize execution of a Tax Increment Financing Development Agreement with Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve (East Berry Renaissance) for an amount up to \$200,000.00;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing the estimated receipts and appropriations in the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone - General Capital Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00 transferred from the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve - East Berry Renaissance Fund, for the purpose of funding the Berry Street Corridor project (City Project No. 104214); and
4. Amend the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

East Berry Street extends from IH-35W to Cravens Road, along the western shore of Lake Arlington. The corridor project will include pre-engineering for a multi-modal, walkable mixed-use corridor. In order to enhance connectivity and access to jobs and project delivery, it is essential to understand community desires and any physical constraints, such as utility relocation. There are also opportunities to leverage momentum and funding sources across the City and with State and Federal partners.

On May 7, 2022, Fort Worth voters approved the 2022 Bond Program. Proposition A, Streets and Mobility Infrastructure Improvements, includes \$2.5 million in funding for implementation of the East Berry Street Corridor improvements (City Project No. 104222) from IH-35W to Martin Luther King Freeway (US 287). This corridor project will encourage complete streets design to enhance safety and comfort for all users, support transit and provide necessary elements for swift capital delivery and economic development.

On June 1, 2022, the Board of Directors for Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve (East Berry Renaissance) ("TIF") approved the expenditure of up to \$200,000.00 to fund a design and planning study along the East Berry Street Corridor. The City and the board of Directors for the TIF will enter into an agreement whereby the City will be reimbursed for the study with TIF funds.

Upon approval of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C), all appropriations and funding will be as summarized in the table below:

Fund	Entity	Appropriation Amount
30100	General Capital Projects	\$500,000.00
30286	TIRZ - General Capital	\$200,000.00

The project will follow a four-step planning process, including public outreach, which will begin in fall 2022. First, a needs assessment will be done to document existing conditions, such as traffic counts, mode split, safety, access management, and other analysis. Second, concept development will focus on cross-sections that specify cars, freight, transit, pedestrian and bicycle improvements. The corridor will also benefit from public spaces for all-ages and community uses, parking management, smart technologies, and street grid connections. Third, recommendations and implementation strategies will address near-term, short-term (2-4 years), medium-term (5-10 years) and long-term (11 plus years). Fourth, the final plan and project program will include a prioritized list of capital projects with cost estimates and funding sources; as well as, proposed ordinances and regulating plan.

Funding for this project was not included in the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) because the project and funding sources were unknown at the time of its development. This action in this M&C will amend the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 25073-09-2021.

The East Berry Street Corridor is located in COUNCIL DISTRICTS 5, 8, AND 9.

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 funds are currently available in the Unspecified-All Funds project within the General Capital Projects Fund and in the TIRZ #12-East Berry Renaissance Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the General Capital Projects Fund and the TIRZ-General Capital Fund for the Berry Street Corridor Plan project. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Transportation Public Works Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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