

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 202019 TXDOT TA AND SRTS

SUBJECT

Adopt Resolution Authorizing Application for TxDOT 2019 Transportation Alternatives and Safe Routes to School Grant Funding and Accept Same, if Awarded. Adopt the Appropriation Ordinance Increasing Estimated Receipts and Appropriations in the Grant Operating Federal Fund, in the Amount of \$4,500,000.00, Subject to Receipt of the Grant (COUNCIL DISTRICTS 4 and 5)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing application for Texas Department of Transportation 2019 Transportation Alternatives (TA) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant funding and accept same, if awarded; and
 2. Adopt the attached Appropriation Ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund, in the amount of \$4,500,000, if awarded.
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DISCUSSION:

In March 2019, TxDOT issued the 2019 TA/SRTS Call for Projects, which was fully funded by a federal grant and as such there is no local match required. The City made a preliminary application in April 2019 after working with a committee consisting of representatives from the City, Blue Zones and the North Central Texas Council of Governments, to identify and rank candidate schools based on several factors such as bike and pedestrian crashes, crossing guard counts and pedestrian surveys. Staff selected Riverside Middle School located in Council District 4 and Handley Middle School located in Council District 5 for submittal. Both schools are located in Majority Minority Areas and the need for improvements is identified in the Active Transportation Plan adopted by City Council in April 2019.

In July 2019, TxDOT selected the two schools to submit a detailed application for further review. Detailed applications are due to TxDOT on August 15, 2019 and are being prepared by Kimley Horn and Associates. The proposed projects will consist of upgrades to sidewalks, installation of crosswalks, school zones and intersection improvements, and other school traffic engineering-related tasks. The estimated cost of implementation is \$4,500,000. This is a Federal Reimbursement Program, and the City will be required to fully fund these projects with available funds by FY 2022, in order to begin construction and be eligible for reimbursement.

The schools are located in COUNCIL DISTRICTS 4 and 5.

A Form 1295 is not required for this contract because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Texas Department of Transportation

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached ordinance, funds will be available, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund. This is a reimbursement grant.

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