

Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 26-0272

LOG NAME: 80HERITAGE PARK CANOPY WALK

SUBJECT

(CD 9) Adopt Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation in the Total Amount of \$11,006,805.00 for the Construction of the Heritage Park - Shared Use Path / Canopy Walk Trail Connection; Adopt Appropriation Ordinances; and Amend the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program (2022 Bond Program)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the construction of the Heritage Park - Shared Use Path / Canopy Walk trail connection project (City Project No. 104827) in the amount of \$11,006,805.00 with federal participation in the amount of \$8,000,000.00, indirect state participation in the amount of \$30,305.00, city participation through 2022 Bond Program in the amount of \$2,000,000.00; and State and Local design phase services in the amount of \$976,500.00, local amount paid from 2014 Bond Program funding, and
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinances increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund in the amount up to \$10,000,000.00,
 1. In an amount up to \$8,000,000.00, subject to receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding the construction of the Heritage Park - Shared Use Path / Canopy Walk trail connection project (City Project No. 104827); and
 2. In an amount up to \$2,000,000.00, all of which is 2022 Bond Program funds to fund the Heritage Park - Shared Use Path / Canopy Walk trail connection project (City Project No. 104827); and
3. Amend the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to adopt a resolution authorizing execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in the amount of \$11,006,805.00 for the Heritage Park – Shared Use Path / Canopy Walk project, a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement. Funding includes \$8,000,000.00 in federal participation, \$30,305.00 in indirect state participation, \$2,000,000.00 in City participation, plus cost overruns, from the 2022 Bond Program – Heritage Shared Use Path / Canopy Walk, and State and Local design phase services in the amount of \$976,000.00, the State and Local design phase portion funded from both the 2014 Bond Program (City Project No. C02471) and 2022 Bond Program (City Project No..104827).

The Heritage Park - Shared Use Path / Canopy Walk project begins at the northwest corner of Houston and Belknap streets. The Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian and bike pathway will extend north, in front of and along the west edge of Heritage Plaza and then turn into an elevated canopy walk that will wind down to the Trinity River, dropping in excess of 70 feet in elevation. In addition, a bike pathway will be provided along the north edge of the County parking garage, connecting to N. Taylor St. Both pathways will result in connection to the Trinity River Trail system.

The design phase was funded locally with 2014 Bond Program (City Project No. C02471) funds and private funding, provided by Downtown Fort Worth Initiatives, Inc. Federal grant funds will cover 100% of construction costs until the federal funding reaches the maximum obligated amount. City 2022 Bond Program Funds will be used for the 20% local cash match requirement and State and Local design phase costs. The City of Fort Worth will be responsible for 100% of any overrun costs.

The total project budget for AFA CSJ 0902-90-405 is summarized below:

Fund	Amount	Comments
Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund	\$8,000,000.00	Budgeted
Indirect State Costs	\$30,305.00	Unbudgeted
Grants Cap Projects Local Match Funding	\$2,000,000.00	Budgeted
Design Phase Services - State and Local	\$976,500.00	Budgeted
AFA Total	\$11,006,805.00	

Indirect cost recovery does not apply to the total project cost. The Park & Recreation Department (PARD) project manager, city inspector, and city material testing lab will charge salaries to this grant project as incurred. There is no grant application repository number, as PARD did not apply for this grant.

Funding for this project was not included in the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) because grant funds are not included in the CIP. The action in this M&C will amend the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 CIP as approved in connection with Ordinance 27979-09-2025.

This project is included in the 2022 Bond Program. The City's Extendable Commercial Paper (ECP) (M&C 22-0607; Ordinance 25675-08-2022) provides liquidity to support the appropriation. Available resources will be used to make any interim progress payments until 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).

The Heritage Shared Use Path / Canopy Walk project is in COUNCIL DISTRICT 9.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: State Agency - TxDOT

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Heritage Park Canopy Walk project within the 2022 Bond Program Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund for the Heritage Shared Use Path / Canopy Walk project. The Park and Recreation Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Park & Recreation Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a State Advance Funding Agreement.

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