

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 06/28/22

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 22-0533

**LOG NAME:** 20HERITAGE PARK; BUS 287 TO WEATHERFORD AFA

**SUBJECT**

(CD 9) Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation in the Amount of \$10,127,631.00 with Federal Participation in the Amount of \$6,640,000.00, State Participation in the Amount of \$1,712,631.00 and Local Participation in the Combined Amount of \$1,775,000.00 (City \$775,000.00 and County \$1,000,000.00) for the Heritage Park; BUS 287 to Weatherford Street Project, Adopt Appropriation Ordinances, and Amend the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$10,127,631.00 with federal participation in the amount of \$6,640,000.00, state participation in the amount of \$1,712,631.00, and local participation in the combined amount of \$1,775,000.00 (City \$775,000.00 and County \$1,000,000.00) for the Heritage Park; BUS 287 to Weatherford Street project (City Project No. 104146);
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Capital Projects Federal Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, in the amount up to \$7,640,000.00 (Federal \$6,640,000.00 and Local \$1,000,000.00) for the Heritage Park; BUS 287 to Weatherford Street project (City Project No. 104146);
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Capital Projects State Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, in the amount up to \$660,000.00 (State \$660,000.00) for the Heritage Park; BUS 287 to Weatherford Street project (City Project No. 104146); and
4. Amend the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program.

**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to adopt a resolution authorizing execution of an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and authorize acceptance of federal grant funds and state funds in the amount of \$7,300,000.00 for construction of the Heritage Park; BUS 287 to Weatherford Street project.

Heritage Park and Paddock Park are located in Downtown Fort Worth on the northern edge of the Trinity River bluff where the City meets the Trinity River. Improvements to the two parks and North Main Street is a key linkage opportunity that will implement a vision 50 years in the making. This Heritage Park; BUS 287 to Weatherford Street project is integral to the future success of the overall project.

The Heritage Park; BUS 287 to Weatherford Street project includes elements for enhancing the safety of pedestrian and vehicular movements. Improved pedestrian safety will be in the form of "bulb-outs" at the four intersections surrounding the Tarrant County Courthouse and traffic calming on Belknap Street between Paddock Park and the Courthouse. Vehicular movement improvements will include modification of traffic signals and roadway/lane alignments, removal of the bus counterflow lane on West Belknap Street, and enlarging the turning radius northbound around Paddock Park on North Commerce Street.

Funding for the project includes local funds from Downtown Fort Worth Inc. and Tarrant County, federal funds and state funds. The City bears the responsibility to pay for cost overruns. The table below summarizes funding for the project:

| City (2014 Bond Fund) | Tarrant County (Future ILA) | Federal Funds (this M&C/AFA) | State Funds (this M&C/AFA) | Additional State Funds (Direct and Indirect Costs not Appropriated) | Project Total   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------|
| \$775,000.00          | \$1,000,000.00              | \$6,640,000.00               | \$660,000.00               | \$1,052,631.00  | \$10,127,631.00 |

Funding for this project was not included in the FY2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program due to the approval for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement and Surface Transportation Block Grant funds. The action in this M&C will amend the FY2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 25073-09-2021.

Funding for the required local match will be from the 2022 Bond Program funds appropriated to the project in a separate M&C.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 9.

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the current capital budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Cap Projects Federal Fund and Grants Capital Projects State Fund. The Transportation and Public Works Department and Financial Management Services will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to expenditure being incurred, the Transportation & Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is reimbursement grant.

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