



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: ALLEYWAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

This informal report presents information about the City's Alleyway Maintenance Program (AMP) as managed by the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD). It updates information from IR 21-10647 (alleyway mowing in Riverside neighborhood), M&C 21-0075 (increased contract authority), and M&C 21-0887 (authorization of agreements).

Scope of Program

The City of Fort Worth has **2,448** alley blocks in its inventory, of which **1,234** (51%) are unpaved or partially paved alleys included in AMP. The City manages the program through contractual mowing services, which include clearing/cleaning, tree trimming, and trash/illegal-dumping removal. Paved alleys, consisting of 251 alley block segments, are maintained by the Transportation and Public Works Department.

The budget for AMP accounts for four annual mowing/maintenance cycles, as well as one-time mowing and clean-up events of alley segments that have been reported/requested for maintenance. NSD contracts with two contractors to perform the four maintenance cycles through the completion of assigned work orders tied to the contractors' individual agreements with the City, as well as addressing one-time requests on a case-by-case basis. Recently, NSD changed the internal staffing of the program from NSD employees in the Neighborhood Programs Division at City Hall Annex to NSD employees within the Rehabilitation and Construction Division at the Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods. This change will ensure better management of the contractors and better handling of resident complaints.

Program Budget

To address excessive complaints about the maintenance of certain alleys, the City Council added funds to the FY2020 budget for a fourth annual mowing/maintenance cycle and the addition of six new alleyway target areas: those with the highest complaint call volume. After the bid process in FY2021 resulted in significantly increased labor prices, NSD was able to add funds to the FY2022 operating budget by reallocating HOME match funds for which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had granted a one-time COVID-related waiver. Prior funding actions have allowed the program to continue to deliver four alleyway cycles per year to address the demand for AMP services and, subject to approval of additional funding in the FY2023 budget, no interruptions to the four-cycle AMP are anticipated.

Fiscal Year	Operating	CIP	Total AMP
2017	\$300,000	\$84,100	\$384,100
2018	\$300,000	\$87,000	\$387,000
2019	\$332,814	\$95,000	\$427,814
2020	\$248,847	\$200,000	\$448,847
2021	\$300,000	\$206,000	\$506,000
2022	\$600,000	\$204,000	\$804,000

If there are any questions, please contact Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Director, at 817-392-8187. Council staff should call Eric Vodicka at 817-392-7583 for specific resident concerns.

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