

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/09/24 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0271

LOG NAME: 17TIF12 TPW EAST BERRY CORRIDOR PROJECT

SUBJECT

(CD 5, CD 8, and CD 9) Adopt Appropriation Ordinances for the East Berry Street Corridor Project in the Amount Up to \$200,000.00 in Alignment with the Tax Increment Financing Development Agreement with Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve-East Berry Renaissance and Amend the Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

- It is recommended that the City Council:
1. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting appropriations in the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Twelve - East Berry Renaissance Fund by decreasing the General Operating & Maintenance category in the amount of \$200,000.00 and increasing the Transfer & Other category by the same amount for the purpose of transferring to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone-General Capital Fund for the Berry Street Corridor Plan project (City Project No. 104214);
 2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing the estimated receipts and appropriations in theTax Increment Reinvestment Zone-General Capital Fund for the Berry Street Corridor Plan project in 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 Plan project (City Project No. 104214); and
 3. Amend the Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

East Berry Street extends from Interstate Highway (IH) 35W to Cravens Road, along the western shore of Lake Arlington. The corridor project includes 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, City of 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 (City Project No. 104214). The City and the Board of Directors for the TIF then entered into an agreement on January 6, 2023, whereby the City will be reimbursed for the study with TIF funds when funds became available.

Funds for reimbursing the City have become available in an amount up to \$200,000.00 and the TIF would like to reimburse the City at this time with those available funds.

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

Fund	Fund Name	Appropriation Amount
28612	TIRZ #12 - East Berry Renaissance	(\$200,000.00)
30286	TIRZ - General Capital	\$200,000.00

On December 21, 2022, The City of Fort Worth entered into a contract with Kimely-Horn (M&C 22-1007) for the East Berry Corridor Plan (EBCP).

The EBCP process, since February 2023, has pursued the goals of safety, multimodal travel options, connectivity, upward mobility, belonging, and community building as action items, concepts, and policies that will transform the area into a smart, walkable, and safe corridor for people of all ages and abilities to want to live and visit. The EBCP team's timeline has moved from Data Collection, Existing Conditions Assessment, Analysis, Concept Plan and Recommendation, and an Action Plan, via multiple routes of public involvement including a Stakeholder Advisory Committee providing ongoing feedback. The thoroughfare study should enhance this part of the city and residents that live here with the following deliverables: 1) Cross-section design; 2) List of projects for Master Thoroughfare Plan; 3) Zoning; 4) Catalytic site development; and 5) Policy recommendations. The final week of public meetings will be on Wednesday (4/17/24) and Thursday (4/18/24). City Council approval, on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, is the date being pursued for Plan Adoption of these recommendations. Currently, the EBCP team is engaged in preparing relevant documents and meetings, to smoothly reach this apex in the project's timeline, for staff, city managers, commissioners, Councilmembers, impacted property owners, and the general public in the study area.

Funding for this project was not included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) because the available funding from the TIF was unknown at the time of its development. This action in this M&C will amend the Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 26453-09-2023.

The East Berry Street Corridor is located in COUNCIL DISTRICTS 5, 8, AND 11.

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 within 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 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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