City of Denton



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Finance

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DATE: November 19, 2024

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton ratifying the submission of an application previously authorized to be submitted in Resolution 23-876 to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program in the total amount of \$13,714,880, including a local match of \$2,742,976, for the installation of 3.25 miles of the Pecan Creek Trail Shared Use Path; and providing an effective date.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports Key Focus Area: Strengthen Community and Quality of Life.

BACKGROUND

On December 2, 2022, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announced a statewide Call for Projects for the 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program. The Program funds locally sponsored bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects in communities across the state at 80 percent with a 20 percent local match.

On January 24, 2023, City Council adopted the Pecan Creek Regional Trail Master Plan. The trail's starting point is from the DCTA Rail Trail and Fred Moore Park, with the endpoint providing a connection toward Lewisville Lake, estimated to be 7-8 miles long.

On January 27, 2023, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) submitted a preliminary application to provide funding for further design and construction of a portion of the approved master plan. The proposed project implements 3.25-miles of key segments of the Pecan Creek Trail, Segment 1, 3, & 4a. The trail will include two 10'-12' wide multi-use concrete path segments between Jackson Street at the DCTA Rail Trail and just east of Glenn Gary Way at E. McKinney Street, roughly following Pecan Creek. The project includes two pedestrian bridges, 911 emergency signage, a 12'-wide crosswalk at Lakey St., ADA ramps, incidental trailhead amenities, an underpass at Mayhill Road, and underpass lighting for safety. After meeting with TxDOT's representatives, the preliminary application was advanced to Step 2.

On May 16, 2023, City Council approved Resolution 23-876 authorizing an application in the amount of \$13,346,259.

On June 5, 2023, the City submitted an application requesting the estimated project total of \$13,714,880. The Federal share of the project was proposed to be \$10,971,904 and the City's match requirement would be \$2,742,976. Between the approval of Resolution 23-876 and the application submission, the project scope and estimated costs increased causing the discrepancy.

On November 2, 2023, the City received notice that the submitted application was authorized to receive federal funding from the 2023 TA Program. City staff have been working with TXDOT to develop an Advance Funding Agreement and associated documentation. TXDOT has requested an updated resolution that matches the total amount submitted and awarded through the program.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The grant will fund the projects at 80% with a 20% local match requirement. The City has been awarded \$10,971,904 in federal funding. A match of \$2,742,976 is required of the City. The project total is \$13,714,880. The City's match will be funded using voter approved 2023 Bond funds for Park system improvement, and Park Land Dedication/Development funds.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

Exhibit 3 - Pecan Creek Trail Plan

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