



## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Capital Projects/Engineering/Public Works

**ACM:** Cassandra Ogden

**DATE:** December 5, 2023

### **SUBJECT**

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager, or Designee, to execute and deliver an Advance Funding Agreement (“AFA”) between the City of Denton (“City”) and Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) for funding the City’s MSE Walls Aesthetics Package Project, providing financial assistance through the TxDOT IH-35 Corridor Aesthetics Project; CSJ 0195-03-087, in an amount not-to-exceed One Million Six Hundred Ninty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety-Seven And 41/100 (\$1,695,497.41) dollars; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is in the process of redesigning and reconstructing its overpasses and underpasses along a section of the Interstate-35 (IH-35) corridor named the Gateway Character Zone. The City of Denton is one of two cities identified in this zone to receive baseline and accent aesthetic treatments for the proposed improvements.

As part of their community outreach, they have contacted the City of Denton to be able to incorporate design elements that are reflective of our community. TxDOT has developed and offers its Aesthetic Design Guidelines to help communities create an overall corridor of design continuity while maintaining our City of Denton identity.

In February 2022, the City of Denton retained Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. (K-H), by way of a professional services agreement (PSA 7599-007) for the completion of the TxDOT I-35 Aesthetics Package.

Through the plan preparation process, the City identified four (4) locations along the IH-35 corridor where wall aesthetic enhancements would be installed. The identified locations at IH-35 & Loop 288, IH-35 & University Drive, IH-35 & West Oak Street, and IH-35 & Bonnie Brae intersections were designed with a music theme to represent the City of Denton.

Both the City and TxDOT wish to partner together through the execution of an AFA. The agreement defines the construction costs which the City will be responsible for.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the passing of the ordinance approving the advance funding agreement between the City of Denton and TxDOT for the installation of aesthetic wall enhancements at four IH-35 locations in the city of Denton.

## **ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT**

City

On December 5, 2023, the City will approve an advance funding agreement with TxDOT. The executed AFA and final plan set will be delivered to TxDOT thereafter.

TxDOT

In December 2023, TxDOT will incorporate the City's plan set into theirs for the project to be let. It is anticipated that the construction of the interstate highway improvements will begin in early 2024.

## **FISCAL INFORMATION**

City

The City's financial obligation for the completion of the project will be identified within an executed advance funding agreement (AFA). Under the local participation column in Attachment A of the AFA the City will be responsible for an amount of \$1,695,497.41.

TxDOT

During construction, TxDOT will bear the cost for baseline aesthetic treatments at the various overpasses and underpasses.

## **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Ordinance, Advanced Funding Agreement, Construction Plan Set

Exhibit 3 – Presentation

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