



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Grant Management Office

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DATE: January 12, 2021

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution by the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for funding under the Denton County Transportation Reinvestment Program (TRiP), providing financial assistance to member cities for transit-supportive projects, from the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) in the amount of \$2,517,997 for the funding period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

In November 2020, the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) approved the development of TRiP funding with an objective to provide financial assistance to DCTA member cities for transit-supportive projects consistent with and beneficial to DCTA’s Long-Range Service Plan Goals. The City of Denton, the City of Highland Village, and the City of Lewisville make up the current member cities. Additionally, projects must meet the following criteria for eligibility:

- Project limits must be located primarily within the DCTA service area, the geographic boundaries of DCTA member cities, or within a quarter mile of any A-train Station or DCTA fixed bus route.
- Demonstrate the project is financially sound:
 - Well defined capital/expansion projects that facilitate a reliable design-build cost estimate
 - Cost estimates for maintenance of assets based on recent similar maintenance projects or bids/solicitations where available
 - Requested capital funding does not exceed the member city’s TRiP allocation, or
 - Identified funding sources for project costs exceeding the requested amount.

TRiP is a five-year program with its first funding cycle beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. DCTA will issue a call for projects in January of each calendar year. The annual TRiP budget will be set at 15 percent of DCTA’s net available fund balance from the previous fiscal year. DCTA’s total approved FY 2021 budget includes \$5,914,152 for the first year of TRiP. Five percent of the annual TRiP program budget will be set aside for DCTA program administration and the remaining 95 percent will be divided among member cities proportional to sales and use tax receipts for the previous fiscal year. Based on this formula, DCTA has a budgeted allocation of \$2,517,997 for the City of Denton in FY 2021.

FY 21 Adopted TRiP Funding Allocated by Member City

	City of Denton	City of Highland Village	City of Lewisville
Member City Allocation	\$2,650,523	\$293,761	\$2,969,868
5% Program Administration	\$132,526	\$14,688	\$148,493
Funding Available	\$2,517,997	\$279,073	\$2,821,375

In November 2020, City of Denton staff-initiated planning efforts to identify and prioritize eligible TRiP projects. Criteria considered included enhanced connectivity from transit to educational institutions, completion of existing pedestrian improvement commitments, projects requiring a local match to leverage external funding sources, and projects that enhance accessibility in areas with a high concentration of pedestrian activity. After a series of conversations and considerable analysis, staff recommends submission of the following projects for the initial TRiP funding cycle (additional information about each individual project can be found in Exhibit 3):

Project	Estimate at Completion	Current City Funding	External Funding	Proposed TRiP Funding
A-Train to UNT Bike and Pedestrian Path	\$2,580,000	\$190,627	\$762,508	\$1,626,865
Ginnings & Alexander Elementary Sidewalks	\$1,480,000	\$211,828	\$762,311	\$505,861
Wilson & Pecan Creek Elementary Sidewalks	\$629,000	\$109,705	\$438,820	\$80,475
All-Walk Crosswalk Design	\$153,210	\$85,000		\$68,210
Bell Sidewalk Construction	\$147,000	\$58,054		\$88,946
Medpark Sidewalk Construction	\$147,640			\$147,640
Total	\$5,136,850	\$655,214	\$1,963,639	\$2,517,997

Staff is currently developing a comprehensive sidewalk work plan and is in the process of finalizing the update to the Mobility Plan. For future funding cycles, staff will prioritize un-funded or underfunded projects on the sidewalk work plan and Mobility Plan (which will include long-term bicycle and pedestrian plans) when preparing the list of annual TRiP projects.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

Upon approval, staff will submit the proposed projects to DCTA for consideration. DCTA staff will have 30 days to review the application to determine minimum project eligibility or request more information. After completing the review, if no additional information is requested, the application will be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled DCTA Board of Directors meeting for consideration and final approval.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Staff is requesting \$2,517,997 in TRiP funding assistance to fully fund the projects referenced in the Background section above; leveraging existing investments of \$655,214 in City funds and \$1,963,639 in other external funding commitments. If the City's FY 2021 TRiP application is fully funded, the projects applied for will have \$5,136,850 in funding available from a combination of DCTA, City and other external funding sources.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Presentation

Exhibit 3 – TRiP Application

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

Respectfully submitted:

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