



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**ACM:** Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

**DATE:** May 16, 2023

### **SUBJECT**

Consider an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) and Landscape Maintenance Agreement (LMA) with the Texas Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing landscape, scenic enhancement and irrigation on US Highway 377 from Roselawn Drive to Country Club Road (the "Agreement"); authorizing the City Manager to perform all obligations of the City under the Agreements including the expenditure of funds; and providing an effective date.

### **BACKGROUND**

Parks and Recreation requests consideration for City Council to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an LMA and AFA for median landscape enhancements (trees, irrigation, mulch, decomposed granite, and mow strips) along HWY377 from Roselawn Drive to Country Club Road.

Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has approved the City of Denton's proposed HWY377 beautification project for Green Ribbon landscape funding for FY 2023. The City of Denton has been granted a fixed amount of \$420,000.00. The City of Denton is responsible for designing the median enhancements completed in April 2023. Once cleared by TXDOT, the City of Denton will bid and manage the contracted installation of all improvements. Upon completion of landscape improvements, the City of Denton Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) will be responsible for regular maintenance of the improvements.

This LMA affirms TXDOT will fund all landscape materials, including trees, plants, irrigation, and concrete mow strips. In addition, TXDOT will provide funding for project management (\$20,000) which is included in the \$420,000 allocation. Once completed the City of Denton will maintain all improvements.

The AFA contract allows TXDOT to spend funds or other resources on a transportation project with a local government and outlines the contributions and responsibilities of involved parties. In this project, the City of Denton is responsible for providing design, letting out, and managing the project's construction. TXDOT is administering and facilitating federal funding, state funding, and engineering plan reviews for approval.

If low bid for this project received is over the allotted \$400,000 for construction, the City can elect to fund the difference or forgo the project and apply for future Green Ribbon funding to complete the project.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval.

### **ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT**

The anticipated let date is August 2023.

### **OPERATIONAL IMPACT**

PARD is funded to mow the medians and rights-of-way on HWY377 (from I-35 to Denton City limits). The current annual maintenance cost of the medians of HWY377 is \$36,960.00. Staff anticipates an increase of \$5,000 in maintenance due to potential irrigation repairs. However, the general maintenance of mowing, landscape, trees, and litter abatement shall remain comparable.

### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

- Design Consultant Fees \$19,850.00 (completed)
- FY2023 Green Ribbon Award, up to \$420,000.00
  - Construction - \$400,000
  - Project Management - \$20,000
- An additional \$5,000 for on-going maintenance will be requested in FY 2024-25 budget.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)**

N/A

### **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Ordinance

Exhibit 3- Advance Funding Agreement (AFA)

Exhibit 4- Landscape Maintenance Agreement (LMA)

Exhibit 5- Presentation

Respectfully submitted:  
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