

## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

### AGENDA ITEM

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) APPLICATION TO THE KILLEEN - TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO COMPETE FOR CATEGORY 9 FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT A PORTION OF HERITAGE OAKS HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL, SEGMENT 3**

### ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

**Public Works - Transportation Division**

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On January 25, 2016, the Killeen - Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMO), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, issued a call for project nominations for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. Under the program, the KTMO has received authority to allocate funds for qualifying non-motorized transportation alternative needs within the boundaries of designated metropolitan planning areas. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) refers to these funds as "Category 9."

Category 9 funds may be used for the construction of a variety of projects to include pedestrian/bicycle facilities, overlooks, trail heads, and viewing areas. Eligible projects are evaluated and ranked by the KTMO Technical Advisory Committee. If awarded, the qualifying entity must provide a minimum of 20% matching funds with 80% of allowable project costs being reimbursable. Cost-reimbursement programs require sponsors to pay for project costs upfront with the funding agency providing reimbursement for expenses throughout various stages of the project. Funds are available for obligation for a period of three (3) years after the last day of the fiscal year for which the funds are authorized.

In recent project calls, the City of Killeen has successfully secured funding for several different hike and bike trail projects as well as one major roadway reconstruction project through other programs utilizing federal funds with similar requirements and obligations. Under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), the City of Killeen has been awarded funding for the following: Andy K. Wells Hike and Bike Trail; Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Trail, Segment 3; Heritage Oaks Hike and Bike Trail, Segment 4; and Brookhaven/Rancier Hike and Bike Trail.

### DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

With the submission of this grant application, the City of Killeen would be proposing to extend a portion of Heritage Oaks Hike and Bike Trail, Segment 3 from Trimmier Creek approximately 3,750 feet to the north along the future extension of Rosewood Drive to approximately Flat Slate Drive. The proposed project entails constructing a 12-foot wide concrete trail with associated lighting and trail amenities. This project would provide improved access to transportation alternatives for the community.

## FISCAL IMPACT

In order to meet the spirit of KTMPO goals, priority consideration is given to those projects that request federal funds for construction-associated costs only. The project budget estimates that the total project costs would be approximately \$800,000. Under the proposed grant application, the City would provide approximately \$160,000 for a construction match. Engineering services would be provided via an upcoming advanced funding agreement resulting from the previously awarded Category 7 funds for the extension of Rosewood Drive and Heritage Oaks Hike and Bike Trail, Segment 3. If awarded the Category 9 grant, the City would be reimbursed up to \$640,000 (proposed grant request) as the project progresses. If the City were to be awarded the Category 9 funds, City staff proposes that funding for the applicable match will be programmed into the FY17 budget and/or the City's General Fund would advance funds necessary for the project as needed with the intention of issuing Certificates of Obligation to cover the City's share of the project. When proceeds from the sale of the certificates are received and reimbursements throughout the course of the project are received, all amounts that had been previously advanced from General Fund would be repaid to the General Fund.

<b>Project Components</b>	<b>Funded By</b>	<b>COK Participation</b>	<b>TAP Participation</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Construction Costs	20%COK/80%CAT 9	\$160,000	\$640,000	\$800,000
<b>Total Costs:</b>		<b>\$160,000</b>	<b>\$640,000</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>

## RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a Transportation Alternatives Program - Category 9 application to the Killeen - Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization for the construction of a portion of Heritage Oaks Hike and Bike Trail, Segment 3 and further that:

"The City of Killeen supports funding this project as shown in the nomination budget (including the 20% local match for construction costs) and commits to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing. The City of Killeen is willing and able to enter into an agreement with KTMPO by resolution or ordinance should the project receive funding."