



City of Killeen

Legislation Text

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Consider memorandum/resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility (STPMM) application to the Killeen - Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPO) to compete for Category 7 funding to construct an extension to Rosewood Drive.

AGENDA ITEM

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM METROPOLITAN MOBILITY APPLICATION TO THE KILLEEN - TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO COMPETE FOR CATEGORY 7 FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT AN EXTENSION TO ROSEWOOD DRIVE.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Public Works - Transportation Division

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On September 25, 2015, the Killeen - Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPO), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, issued a call for project nominations for the Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility (STPMM) funding. Under the program, the KTMPO has received authority to allocate funds for qualifying transportation needs within the boundaries of designated metropolitan planning areas. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) refers to these funds as "Category 7."

Category 7 funds may be used for a variety of projects to include roadway, transit, or bicycle/pedestrian projects. Eligible projects are evaluated and ranked by the KTMPO 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 up front 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, and Brookhaven/Rancier Hike and Bike Trail. On September 24, 2015, the City of Killeen was awarded \$2,448,281 for the Heritage Oaks Hike and Bike Trail.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

With the submission of this grant application, the City of Killeen would generally be proposing to extend Rosewood Drive. The proposed project entails constructing a five-lane roadway, including a bridge over Trimmier Creek, and extending the existing Rosewood Drive south to Chaparral Road. The proposal would also include the continuation of the next Heritage Oaks Hike and Bike trail segment, which will connect to the existing trail along Rosewood Drive, to Harker Heights' Purser Family Park, to the Heritage Oaks park area and the recently awarded Heritage Oaks Hike and Bike Trail, Segment 4. This project would provide improved access and more transportation choices for the community, especially to commercial areas, by providing a continuous direct connection from the southernmost city limits to La Cascata and US 190, as well as creating another half-loop around the City from US 190 to SH 195 via Chaparral. This project would provide enhanced mobility within the City of Killeen as well as for the region and would also enhance public safety response times in the southeast quadrant of the city.

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 \$8,750,000. Under the proposed grant application, the City would provide approximately \$2,750,000 for a construction match and engineering services. If awarded the Category 7 grant, the City would be reimbursed up to \$6,000,000 (proposed grant request) as the project progresses. As with past projects, if the City were to be awarded the Category 7 funds, City staff proposes that the City advance funds necessary for the project as needed with the intention of passing a reimbursement resolution to cover the City's share of the project. When proceeds from the debt instrument are received and reimbursements throughout the course of the project, any amounts that had been previously advanced would be repaid.

Project Components	Funded By	COK Participation	STPMM Participation	Cost
Engineering Fees	100% COK	\$750,000		\$750,000
Construction Costs	25%COK/75%CAT 7	\$2,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000
Total Costs:		\$2,750,000	\$6,000,000	\$8,750,000

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility - Category 7 application to the Killeen - Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization for the extension of Rosewood Drive and further that:

"The City of Killeen supports funding this project as shown in the nomination budget (including the 25% 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."