

Agenda Item Details

Meeting	May 11, 2021 - Bryan City Council Second Regular Meeting
Category	5. Consent (Automatic Approval) Agenda - This agenda consists of ministerial or "housekeeping" items required by law such as routine bids, contracts, purchases, and resolutions. Items may be removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration at the request of two Councilmembers.
Subject	J. Adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Bryan, Texas, to support the West Villa Maria Road (FM 1179) Shared Use Path – Phase 2 project application to the 2021 TxDOT Transportation Alternatives call for projects
Type	Action (Consent)
Preferred Date	May 11, 2021
Absolute Date	May 11, 2021
Fiscal Impact	No
Goals	Quality of Life Public Safety Infrastructure

Summary:

The Texas Department of Transportation issued a call for projects in January 2021 for communities to apply for funding assistance with bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure construction projects through the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside program. TA funds require a 20% local cash match. Local entities also are responsible for non-reimbursable costs (e.g., design) and 100% of construction overruns. This project passed the preliminary application stage. Detailed applications are due June 14, 2021, and require a resolution of support. Projects may be selected later this year. Construction would start within 3 years of signing an Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT.

The West Villa Maria Road (FM 1179) Shared Use Path – Phase 2 project proposes a 10-foot wide reinforced concrete shared use path along the north side of the road from Harvey Mitchell Parkway (FM 2818) to Willis Vanhook Drive. The West Villa Maria Road (FM 1179) Shared Use Path and Lighting project from Riverside Parkway (SH 47) to FM 2818 was submitted in 2019 has been conditionally approved for funding. These projects will provide a recreational path to the Travis Bryan Midtown Park and commuting options to shopping and schools. This shared use path is shown on the Hike and Bike Plan in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan (Blueprint 2040).

Preliminary cost estimates for engineering/environmental services and construction are \$80,000 and \$460,000, respectively. If approved, the City could be responsible for \$172,000 total, which includes 20% of estimated construction cost and 100% of the design/land acquisition.

If selected as a funded project by TXDOT, an Advanced Funding Agreement would be brought back to City Council for consideration. That is, approval of this proposed Resolution does not require funding, but City funding will be necessary in the future, if this application is approved.

STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving the resolution to support the W Villa Maria Road (FM 1179) Shared Use Path – Phase 2 project application to the 2021 TxDOT Transportation Alternatives call for projects. This project would build upon other projects to start a major spine in the City’s bicycle network for recreation, commuting, and congestion relief. This grant would significantly subsidize this project by paying for 80% of construction costs.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve the resolution as recommended.
2. Do not approve the resolution and provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft resolution

[RES_FM 1179 SUP Ph 2 Resolution \(2\).pdf \(107 KB\)](#)

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