

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO SUBMIT A REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN ORDER TO REQUEST FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE REVITALIZATION OF THE SOUTH COLLEGE ARTERIAL CORRIDOR THROUGH THE CITY OF BRYAN'S MIDTOWN DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) established the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program and has announced funding availability under said Program for transportation infrastructure grant; and

WHEREAS, the City is an eligible applicant for funding of capital projects under the guidelines of this Program; and

WHEREAS, the Bryan City Council adopted the Midtown Area Plan in 2020, which identified the improvement of South College Avenue as the top priority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryan has previously reconstructed South College Avenue from the southern limits of Sulphur Springs intersection to Villa Maria and is currently reconstructing South College Avenue from Villa Maria to Carson Street;

WHEREAS, the City of Bryan is pursuing a RAISE grant to fund the remaining infrastructure improvements associated with revitalization of South College Avenue, and

WHEREAS, the remaining phases of South College Avenue revitalization are partially funded in the City's recently adopted five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryan's commitment of funds to the project from the approved five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan totals \$16,750,000 representing a 45% local match to the \$20,000,000 RAISE Grant being sought to finish this important project; and

WHEREAS, the RAISE Grant is a reimbursable grant requiring the City of Bryan to expend funds and submit supporting receipts to document the reimbursement from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, receiving federal funding in the form of a RAISE grant makes the completion of the number one priority project from the Midtown Area Plan a certainty and accelerates the completion of these vital improvements to support private sector reinvestment and redevelopment within the City's Midtown Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the project includes replacement of aged infrastructure such as pavement, sidewalks, water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer lines, and creation of a multi-modal and sustainable framework for residents and visitors to live, recreate and enhance the economic viability of the Midtown Area of Bryan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

City staff are hereby authorized to prepare and submit a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program application to fund the reconstruction of South College Avenue in the Bryan Midtown Area, depicted on attached Exhibit “A”, and to commit in the grant that any cost overruns of the project beyond the grant award cap of 20 Million dollars would be funded by the City of Bryan.

SECTION 2.

City staff are hereby authorized to accept the award if granted and sign necessary agreements to execute an award.

SECTION 3.

That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bryan this 9th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY OF BRYAN:

Mary Lynne Stratta, City Secretary

Bobby Gutierrez, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas A. Leeper, City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A":

