

Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jun 04, 2025 - Bryan City Council Second Regular Meeting
Category	5. Statutory (Automatic Approval) Agenda - This agenda consists of items previously approved by Council action such as adoption of items that are part of an approved budget or capital improvement projects, first and only readings of ordinances, interlocal agreements, or action that is required by law or delegated to the City Manager. Items may be removed from the statutory agenda for separate consideration at the request of two Councilmembers.
Subject	F. Approval of Resolution to support the John Sharp Parkway Shared Use Path Project, as described in the detailed application to the 2025 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) call for projects, and indicate willingness to enter into agreements with TxDOT should the project be selected for funding.
Type	Action (Statutory)
Preferred Date	Jun 04, 2025
Absolute Date	Jun 04, 2025
Fiscal Impact	Yes
Dollar Amount	2,557,500.00
Budgeted	No
Budget Source	FY2028 Bonds = \$2,557,500 (Design cost + 20% Local Match for Construction)
Goals	Quality of Life Public Safety Economic Development Infrastructure

Summary:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) issued a call for projects in January 2025. The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) program provides funding to plan for and construct a variety of alternative transportation projects to improve safety and mobility for non-motorized travelers and mitigate congestion by providing safe alternatives to motor vehicle transport. Through TxDOT's 2025 TA Call for Projects, the Department will select projects for recommendation to the Texas Transportation Commission (Commission) for Fiscal Year 2027 - Fiscal Year 2029 federal appropriations consistent with anticipated funding levels associated with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and subsequent funding bills totaling approximately \$250 million. Projects located in all areas of the State, regardless of population size, may be submitted under this call. The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) program reimburses up to 80% of construction costs for pedestrian and/or bicycle projects. Local governments must design the project and provide a minimum 20% match for construction. Any cost overruns are to be paid by the City.

For TA projects, the local sponsor must be prepared to fund the entire project and be reimbursed by TxDOT for up to 80% of eligible construction costs (unless TxDOT bids and manages construction). The minimum local match is 20%. In the past, TxDOT elected to manage construction and the City offered a 20% local match to make project applications more appealing.

The City submitted the John Sharp Parkway Shared Use Path Project to the program and it was approved to enter Phase 2 of the program (detailed applications). The City submitted Shared Use Paths for both sides of John Sharp Parkway. In discussions with TXDOT, they agree to change the scope of the City's project to include just one side (the east side) of the roadway as the initial project. The costs presented in this Council Action Form are for the east side of the roadway only from Villa Maria Road to the RELLIS campus. Construction costs are estimated to be \$9,300,000 and design costs estimated at \$697,500. If the project is selected, the City may be responsible for \$697,500 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 for design and environmental documentation as well as \$1,860,000 in FY2027 and FY2028 for the 20%

construction local match. If TxDOT delegates bidding and construction management to the City (which is unlikely), then an additional \$7,440,000 may need to be spent by the City in FY2029 for the total construction cost until reimbursed by TxDOT.

The application requires a resolution from the local sponsor and the attached resolution states:

The City Council supports funding the John Sharp Parkway (State Highway 47) Shared Use Path and Lighting project, as described in the City of Bryan's 2025 TA Detailed Application (including the construction budget, TxDOT administrative cost, and the required local match, if any) and is willing to commit to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing. The City Council is willing and able to authorize, by resolution or ordinance, the City of Bryan to enter into an agreement with TxDOT should the project be selected for funding.

The source for the local match could be FY2028 future bond funds. The grant requires construction be complete within three (3) years from award of the grant. Additionally, by passing this Resolution a commitment is being made to TxDOT that the City will provide the funding if the project(s) is selected. The official agreement with TxDOT is the Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA), which occurs after TxDOT selects the projects. City staff's understanding is refusal to enter into an AFA for a selected project is viewed negatively by TxDOT and could jeopardize future grant opportunities.

Staff Analysis and Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution to support the John Sharp Parkway Shared Use Path Project, as described in the detailed application to the 2025 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) call for projects, and indicate willingness to enter into agreements with TxDOT should the projects be selected for funding.

Options:

1. Approve the proposed Resolution
2. Do not approve the proposed Resolution and provide direction to staff

Attachments:

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Map of Proposed Shared Use Path

[Attachment 1 - SH 47 SUP TASA SRTS Resolution_JEB.pdf \(106 KB\)](#)

[Attachment 2 - Map - Proposed SUP.pdf \(5,225 KB\)](#)