

## ACTION FORM BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

<b>DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING:</b> April 28, 2015		<b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b> April 7, 2015	
<b>DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN:</b> Public Works - Engineering		<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b> W. Paul Kaspar	
<b>MEETING TYPE:</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	<b>ORDINANCE:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:</b>
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<b>AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:</b> Consideration of a Resolution to certify funding and support for the statewide Transportation Alternatives Program Nomination Form 2015 with the Texas Department of Transportation to receive funding to implement the Safe Routes to School Improvements Project.			
<b>SUMMARY STATEMENT:</b> The Transportation Alternatives Program provides federal funds administered by TXDOT to local communities to make pedestrian and bicycle improvements. There are 4 major types of projects solicited with this program: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities</li> <li>2. Infrastructure to provide safer routes for non-drivers – public transportation</li> <li>3. Conversion of abandoned railroad facilities for trails, etc.</li> <li>4. Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Projects – walk / bike to school</li> </ol> <p>There is approximately \$50,000,000 in available funds statewide for this program. Competition for this funding is limited to communities with less than 200,000 in population. The deadline for applying for funding is May 4, 2015.</p> <p>The local sponsor, the City of Bryan in this case, must be prepared to fund the entire project and be reimbursed by TXDOT for up to 80% of eligible construction costs. The local sponsor is responsible for all other costs to complete the project including the design costs. The minimum local match is 20%, however larger local percentages are encouraged as they factor into the scoring of the project and can make it more attractive for the State to fund as 25% of the project score is based on local funding. Staff recommends that the City of Bryan pursues this grant opportunity to leverage the City's limited local dollars and suggests offering 30% local match to provide a strong grant application to TXDOT.</p> <p>The application requires a resolution from the local sponsor and the attached resolution states the City certifies funding and support for the statewide Transportation Alternatives Program Nomination Form 2015 with the Texas Department of Transportation to receive funding to implement the Safe Routes to School Improvements Project. The resolution states the City of Bryan will apply for funding through the Texas Department of Transportation to implement the Safe Routes to School Improvements Project. The City agrees to commit to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing. The City further agrees to provide the required local match at 20% of the total project cost (City staff is proposing 30%), including being responsible for all non-federally fundable items and 100 percent of all overruns. The resolution also states the City of Bryan agrees to execute an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for this project, if awarded. The costs outlined below show that TXDOT assigns an administration fee to the total cost of the project to cover their costs associated with the project's review and administration of the grant.</p> <p>Texas A&amp;M University, in conjunction with the cities of Bryan and College Station and the Bryan/College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization, is hosting a local bicycle and pedestrian public hearing on April 30, 2015 on</p>			

Texas A&M Campus. Input received at this meeting and any letters supporting the local project submittals will be included with the grant application.

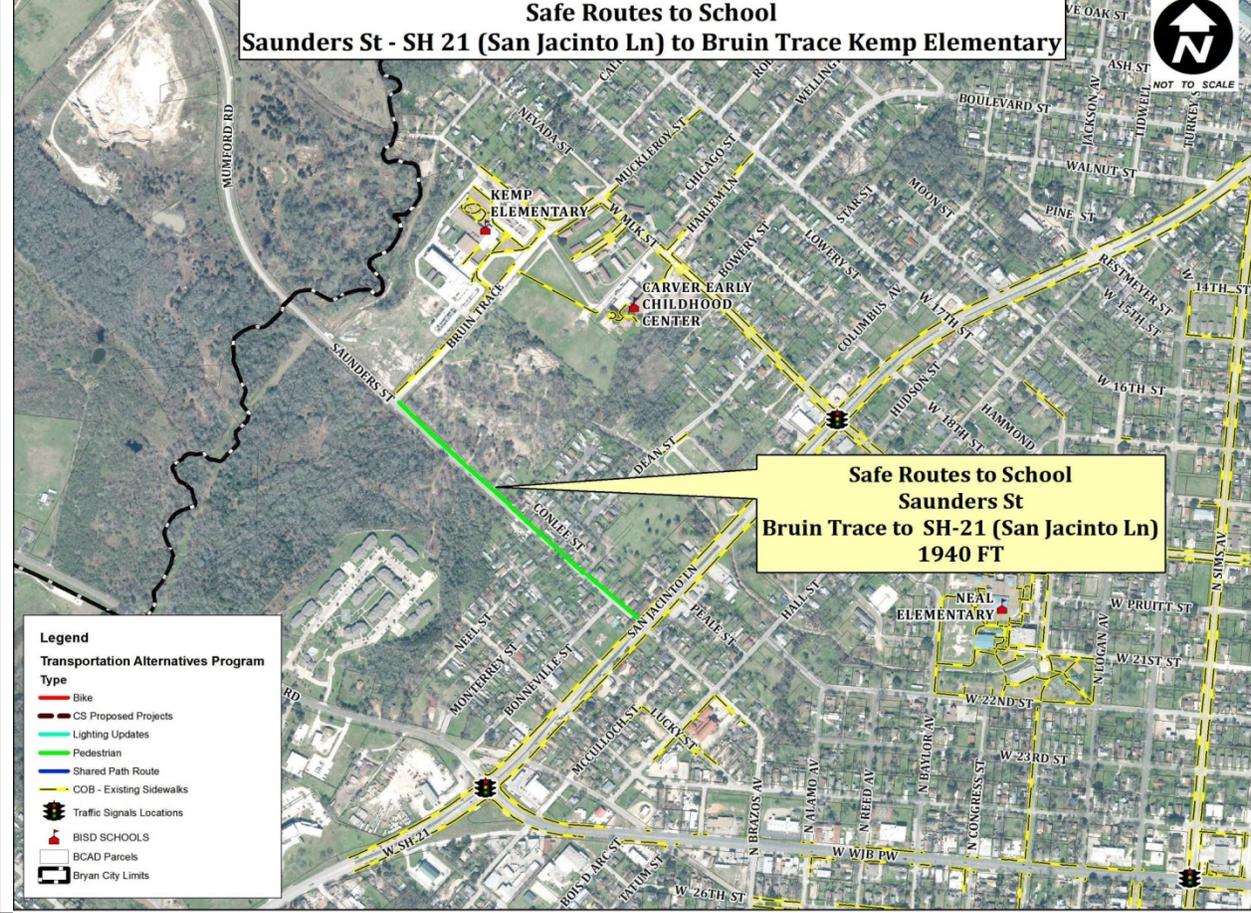
The Safe Routes to School Improvements Project is one of five projects being submitted for TAP funding. The scope of the project is to provide 6 foot wide sidewalks along the west side of West 17<sup>th</sup> Street, an 8 foot wide sidewalk along the east side of Saunders Street, and 6 foot wide sidewalk on the east side of Sandy Point Road. The project limits on West 17<sup>th</sup> Street is from SH 21 to Muckleroy Drive. The project limits on Saunders Street is from SH 21 to Bruin Trace. The project limits on Sandy Point Road is from Forest Park Apartments on the east side to SH 21. These improvements would be around Kemp Elementary. The other school would be Bonham Elementary and the improvements are part of the Old Hearne Road/Wilkes Street project near Bonham that includes 8 foot wide sidewalks along Wilkes Street and Old Hearne Road on one side of the road and 6 foot wide sidewalks on both sides of the roadway along Willhelm and Missouri Streets.



**Safe Routes to School  
Saunders St - SH 21 (San Jacinto Ln) to Bruin Trace Kemp Elementary**



NOT TO SCALE



**Safe Routes to School  
Saunders St  
Bruin Trace to SH-21 (San Jacinto Ln)  
1940 FT**

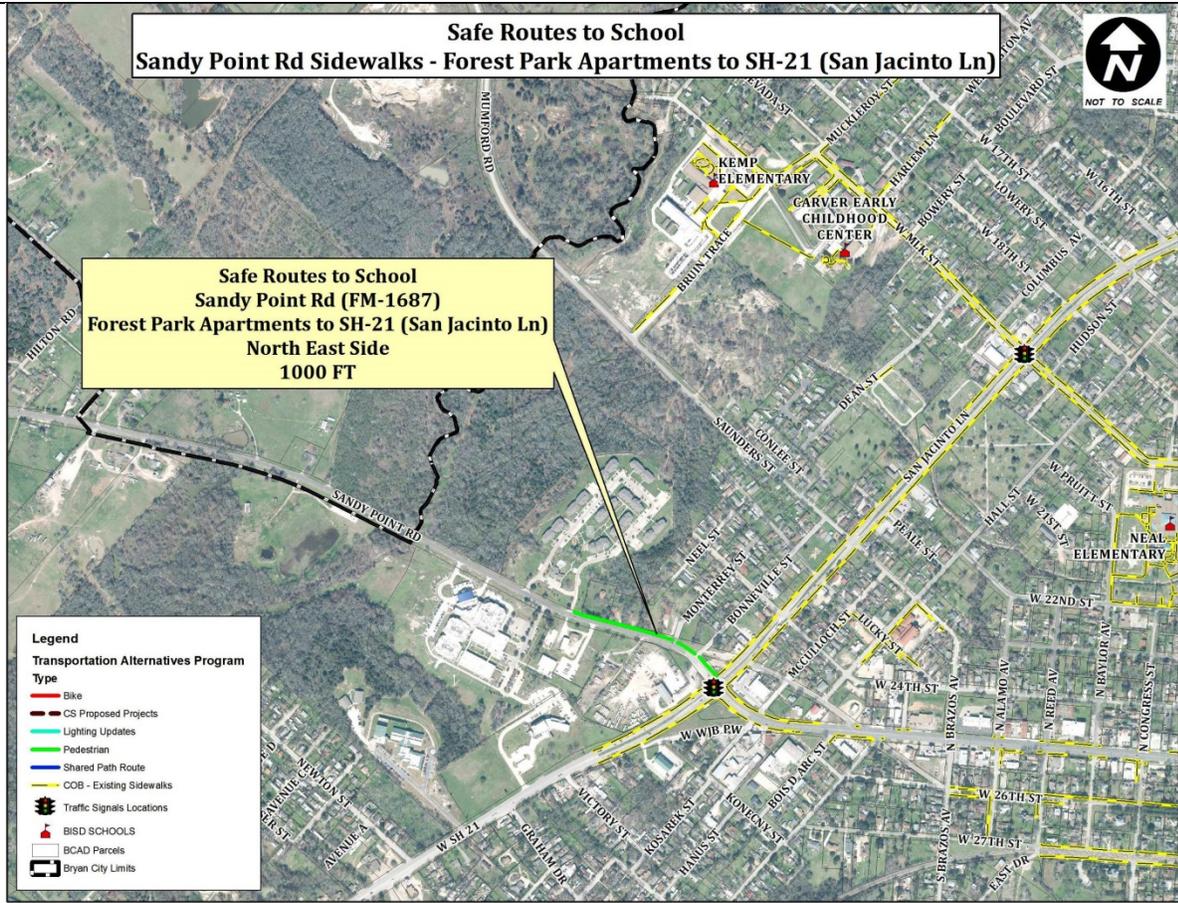
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- Bike
  - CS Proposed Projects
  - Lighting Updates
  - Pedestrian
  - Shared Path Route
  - COB - Existing Sidewalks
  - Traffic Signals Locations
  - BISD SCHOOLS
  - BCAD Parcels
  - Bryan City Limits

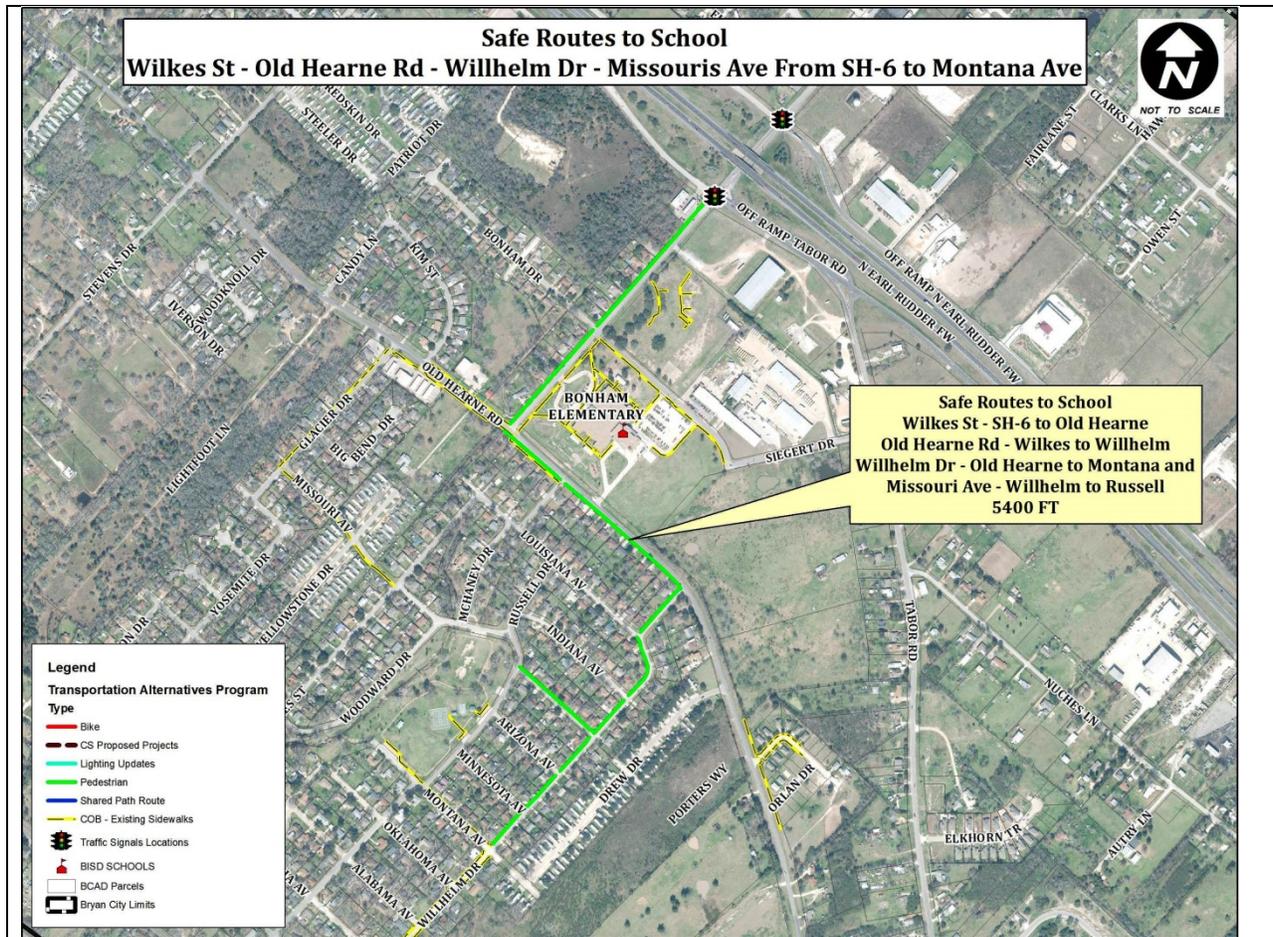
**Safe Routes to School  
Sandy Point Rd Sidewalks - Forest Park Apartments to SH-21 (San Jacinto Ln)**



**Safe Routes to School  
Sandy Point Rd (FM-1687)  
Forest Park Apartments to SH-21 (San Jacinto Ln)  
North East Side  
1000 FT**

- Legend**
- Transportation Alternatives Program**
- Bike
  - CS Proposed Projects
  - Lighting Updates
  - Pedestrian
  - Shared Path Route
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The estimated cost for the Safe Routes to School Improvements Project is as follows:

- Total construction - \$3,569,964
- TXDOT Admin Cost - \$465,647
- Net Construction Cost - \$3,104,317
- Eligible Federal Match 70% - \$2,173,022
- Local Match 30% - \$931,295
- Local match for TXDOT Admin (20%) - \$139,694
- Total Local match - \$1,070,989

The source for the local match could come from the General Fund fund balance, existing bonds, and/or future bond funds. The grant requires that the construction be completed within 3 years from award of the grant.

**STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the Resolution to certify funding and support for the statewide Transportation Alternatives Program Nomination Form 2015 with the Texas Department of Transportation to receive funding to implement the Safe Routes to School Improvements Project.

**OPTIONS (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference):**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution
2. Presentation (April 14, 2015 City Council Workshop) on City of Bryan TAP Project Submittals (pdf attachment)

**FUNDING SOURCE:** Existing Bond Funds, Future Bond Funds, and/or General Fund Fund Balance

**APPROVALS:** Jayson E. Barfknecht 04/13/15; Hugh R. Walker, 04/17/2015

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY MANAGER** Kean Register, 04/20/2015

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY ATTORNEY** Janis K. Hampton, 04/20/2015

Revised 05/2013

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS, TO CERTIFY FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM 2015 WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RECEIVE FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2012, President Barack Obama signed the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21); and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2015, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) issued a Call for Projects for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) with a submission deadline of May 4, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, all TAP projects nominated by the City of Bryan must be endorsed by the City Council with a commitment to fund the project on a cost reimbursement basis, TAP funding will be for construction only and at least 20 percent of project total cost is required as the local match if the project is selected; and

**WHEREAS**, the project cost will be funded from existing bond funds, general fund balance or future bond funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safe Routes to School Improvements project was designated a high priority project; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2015, the Safe Routes to School Improvements Project was presented to and endorsed by the Regional Bike Ped Advisory Panel; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Bryan, Texas that:

1.

The matters set forth in the preamble are true and correct and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

2.

The City of Bryan will apply for funding through the Texas Department of Transportation to implement the Safe Routes to School Improvements Project as the Project Sponsor. The Project Sponsor (the City) supports funding this project as described in the TAP 2015 Nomination Form (including the construction budget, the department's 15% administrative costs, and the required local match) and is willing to commit to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing. The project sponsor is willing and able to enter into an agreement with the department by resolution or ordinance should the project receive TAP funding.

3.

The City of Bryan agrees to execute an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for this project if awarded.

4.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Bryan, Texas, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

ATTEST:

CITY OF BRYAN:

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Mary Lynne Stratta, City Secretary

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Jason P. Bienski, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Janis K. Hampton, City Attorney