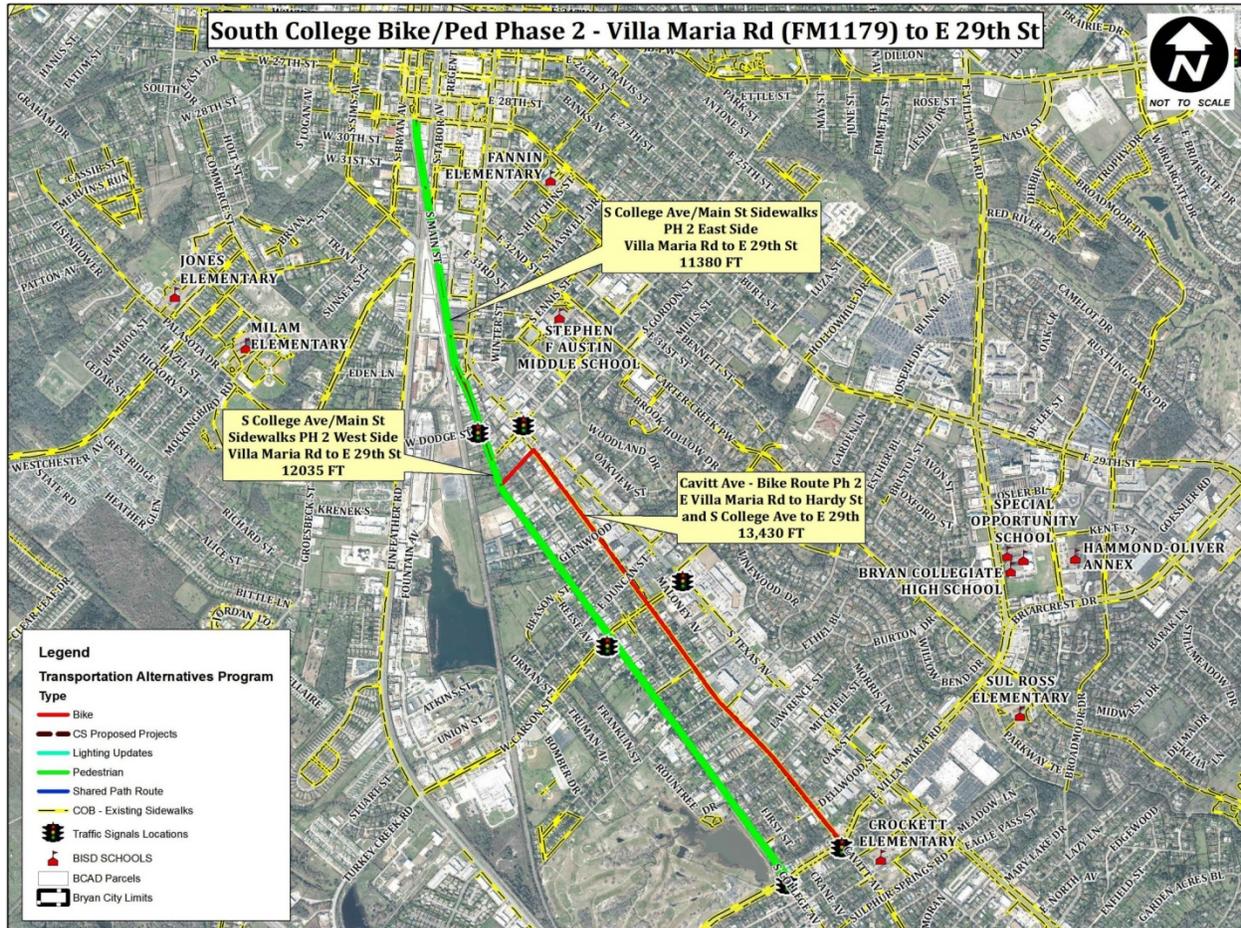


ACTION FORM BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: April 28, 2015		DATE SUBMITTED: April 7, 2015	
DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Public Works - Engineering		SUBMITTED BY: W. Paul Kaspar	
MEETING TYPE:	CLASSIFICATION:	ORDINANCE:	STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QUALITY OF LIFE
AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: 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 South College Phase 2 Improvements Project.			
SUMMARY STATEMENT: 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"> 1. On and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities 2. Infrastructure to provide safer routes for non-drivers – public transportation 3. Conversion of abandoned railroad facilities for trails, etc. 4. Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Projects – walk / bike to school <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 offer the 20% minimum local match on this project.</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 South College Phase 2 Improvements Project. The resolution states the City of Bryan will apply for funding through the Texas Department of Transportation to implement the South College Phase 2 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 20%), 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&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 Texas A&M Campus. Input received at this meeting and any letters supporting the local project submittals will be</p>			

included with the grant application.

The South College Phase 2 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 both sides of South College Avenue from the Villa Maria Road intersection to 29th Street in Downtown. Bicycles will use a bike route designated on Cavitt Avenue from Villa Maria Road to Hardy Street and will then use bike lanes on South College Avenue to Downtown Bryan.



The estimated cost for the South College Phase 2 Improvements Project is as follows:

- Total construction - \$3,399,044
- TXDOT Admin Cost - \$443,354
- Net Construction Cost - \$2,955,691
- Eligible Federal Match 80% - \$2,364,553
- Local Match 20% - \$591,138
- Local match for TXDOT Admin (20%) - \$88,671
- Total Local match - \$679,809

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 South College Phase 2 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, 4/20/2015

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: CITY ATTORNEY Janis K. Hampton, 4/21/2015

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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 SOUTH COLLEGE PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2012, President Barack Obama signed the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st 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 South College Phase 2 Improvements project was designated a high priority project; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2015, the South College Phase 2 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 South College Phase 2 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 28th day of April, 2015.

ATTEST:

CITY OF BRYAN:

Mary Lynne Stratta, City Secretary

Jason P. Bienski, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janis K. Hampton, City Attorney