



COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

DEPT./DIVISION SUBMISSION & REVIEW:

Brian Chandler, Director of Planning and Development
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ITEM DESCRIPTION: Consider adopting a resolution authorizing an Agreement for a Local On-System Improvement Project with the State of Texas for the construction of a 6 to 16 foot wide concrete shared-use path to improve pedestrian safety on southbound Spur 290 (3rd Street) from Avenue A to Avenue F and to install concrete barrier rail and railroad safety fencing on the bridge span over the BNSF rail lines in the City of Temple, Bell County, Texas, for a total estimated cost of \$5,520,000, with the City responsible for all costs associated with the project.

BACKGROUND: This resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the State of Texas to allow the City to install the pedestrian safety improvements along 3rd Street and on the overpass. The roadway and bridge are both owned by the State, making this agreement necessary prior to proceeding with the work. The project is estimated to cost \$5,520,000 and the City will be responsible for all costs related to the project. The Board of Directors for the Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 1 has worked with Kasberg, Patrick & Associates to develop the engineering designs and landscaping plans and has approved funding for this project. The project will create an attractive gateway and will improve safety for people coming to downtown Temple from the adjacent neighborhoods.

ALIGNMENT WITH ADOPTED PLANS:

| Plan | Comments |
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| Strategic Plan | This item supports the Strategic Plan goals of “A safe and healthy community” and. “Infrastructure, facilities, and systems that support exceptional services and community growth”. |
| Mobility Master Plan | This project directly supports the “Choices” goal of developing an integrated transportation network that provides improved mobility for all modes, including active transportation. It also enables the goal of achieving significant reductions in traffic fatalities and serious injuries, especially for bicyclists, pedestrians, or other non-motorized users. |

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt resolution as presented in item description.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION: This item was reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 1 at the October 28, 2020 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact related to the Local On-System Agreement with TxDOT which will allow the City to continue with planned improvements to 3rd Street Pedestrian Facilities and Landscaping. Funding for the project is available in the Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Financing Plan, Line 413, project 102365, in the total amount \$5,520,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Draft Local On-System Agreement