



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. AQ
8/27/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution requesting consideration of the South Santa Fe Avenue Trail Project as a candidate for federal Transportation Alternatives Program funds administered by the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments. Ward 4.

Location:

This project will consist of a 2.51-mile trail on South Santa Fe Avenue, from I-240 to SE Grand Boulevard.

Background:

Federal funds for transportation projects are allocated to the Oklahoma City Metropolitan region through a variety of programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Federally funded transportation projects are required to be programmed into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This is achieved by first being adopted into the Association of Central Oklahoma Government's (ACOG) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is updated every two years. During this update, ACOG releases a Call for Projects to be submitted for consideration to be programmed and receive funding.

The TAP funding is an 80/20 program requiring a minimum 20% match of local funds. Federal funding is capped at \$1,500,000 per qualifying project. The City's required match funding for this Project has been committed via 2017 General Obligation Bond funds. The Call for Projects is a competitive process, which opened July 1, 2024, and closes September 3, 2024. Projects selected will be announced tentatively in November 2024 and will be programmed in Federal Fiscal Year 2028 of the TIP planning document.

As part of the application process, ACOG requires one Resolution per submitted Project stating the submitting agency's commitment to the Project. The City's Planning and Public Works Departments worked together to identify eligible Projects to submit to ACOG.

Estimated Cost:

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$5,654,000

Resolution Provisions:

The City agrees to:

1. Furnish necessary right-of-way
2. Maintain the Project after completion

3. Fund the local share of the construction cost
4. Comply with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Source of Funds:

No City funds are committed by this action. The Resolution affirms that the City can provide all items as described in the Resolution, and requests that the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments and the Oklahoma Transportation Commission select this Project for TAP funding, for up to 80% Federal Aid Funds participation of the construction cost. If the Project is successful in receiving approval, the required match will be funded by 2017 General Obligation funds.

Review:

Planning Department

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.