

Memorandum



DATE September 2, 2022

CITY OF DALLAS

Honorable Members of the City Council Economic Development Committee: Tennell
TO Atkins, (Chair), Carolyn King Arnold, (Vice Chair), Adam McGough, Omar Narvaez,
Jaime Resendez, Chad West, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **Upcoming Agenda Item: Rosemont Safe Routes to School Project in the Davis
Garden TIF District**

An item for City Council consideration will be placed on the Wednesday, September 14, 2022 City Council agenda for supplemental design services for the Rosemont Safe Routes to School Project (Project) in the Davis Garden Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. The item will authorize a supplemental contract with Halff Associates (Consultant) in the amount of \$194,400.00 to complete the design of the Project.

The National Center for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) serves as the U.S. Department of Transportation's clearinghouse for pedestrian and bicycle research and tools. SRTS programs aim to make it safer for students to walk and bike to school and encourage more walking and biking where safety is not a barrier. The SRTS approach promotes walking and bicycling to school through infrastructure improvements, enforcement, tools, safety, and education. The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), a federal program administered through the U.S. Department of Transportation, provides funding for a variety of generally smaller-scale transportation projects such as SRTS projects. TAP provides funds through the North Central Texas Council of Government's (NCTCOG) Regional Transportation Council (RTC), which determines the allocation of federal, state and regional transportation funds. The RTC periodically funds SRTS infrastructure projects through TAP calls for projects. Under the 2014 call for projects, \$5.7 million was awarded to 13 area SRTS projects, including \$86,957.00 for the Rosemont SRTS Project.

The purpose of the Rosemont SRTS Project is to support the neighborhood's desire for more of their children to bike and walk to school. Rosemont Primary School is directly adjacent to Rosemont Elementary and International Language Preparatory Middle School. The Project's goal is to create a system of limited-access safe streets across the neighborhood that connect the Rosemont Primary and Elementary Schools to the surrounding neighborhood. The Project's scope of work consists of the design and construction of bicycle and pedestrian improvements to include speed humps, neckdowns and curb extensions, bike lanes, sidewalks, ADA ramps, crosswalk markings and stop bars, and hybrid beacons.

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In 2014, the Project was awarded a TAP grant by the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) in an amount not to exceed \$86,957.00, with \$69,566.00 as the Federal share for engineering design and a local match requirement of \$17,391.00. On April 11, 2018, City Council authorized a professional services contract with the Consultant to provide design services for the Project. In November 2018, discussions between NCTCOG and the City of Dallas led to a change in design scope which resulted in a change directive. In the change directive, the Consultant was asked to take the revised scope to 60% design using the original funds. Completing the design (the remaining 40%) would increase the design cost by \$151,425.00 due to the change in scope.

Since any additional costs associated with the Project (in excess of \$86,957.00) are the responsibility of the City, several months ago the Public Works Department approached the Office of Economic Development and the Davis Garden TIF District with a request for the supplemental funding. The request was initially presented to the Davis Garden TIF District Board of Directors (TIF Board) on June 15, 2022. Based on input from the community and after TIF Board discussion during the June 15 meeting, two additional streets adjacent to the Rosemont Primary School and the Rosemont Elementary School were added to the scope of the Project with an estimated additional design cost of \$50,000.00. The engineering design for the Project consists of \$194,400.00 for design from Halff Associates, Inc, and \$6,894.00 for design review by TxDOT. The request for the total supplemental design cost of \$201,425.00 to complete the design of the Project was presented to the TIF Board on August 2, 2022 and was approved unanimously. The Project was presented to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee at their meeting on August 15, 2022 and was recommended to move forward to City Council for consideration.

Please contact Kevin Spath, Assistant Director, Office of Economic Development, at Kevin.Spath@Dallas.gov should you have any questions or require further information.



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