



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Quality of Life
AGENDA DATE: August 12, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 13
DEPARTMENT: Park & Recreation Department
EXECUTIVE: John D. Jenkins

SUBJECT

Authorize **(1)** an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) (Agreement No. CSJ 0918-47-274, CFDA No. 20.205) for construction of the SOPAC Trail in the amount of approximately \$4,177,184.00 of which the Federal portion is \$4,000,000.00, the State's indirect cost portion is \$177,184.00, and the City of Dallas' local match, covered by the use of Transportation Development Credits, is \$800,000.00; **(2)** the establishment of appropriations in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 in the SOPAC Trail Connector Grant Fund; **(3)** the receipt and deposit of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funds in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 in the SOPAC Trail Grant Fund; **(4)** the reimbursement of \$3,920,000.00 from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program; **(5)** the establishment of appropriations in the amount of \$80,000.00 in Park and Recreation Facilities Fund for TxDOT project administration costs; and **(6)** execution of the grant agreement including all terms, conditions and documents required by the grant agreement - Total Amount \$4,177,184.00 - Financing: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funds (\$3,920,000.00), Texas Department of Transportation Funds (\$177,184.00), and Park and Recreation Facilities Fund (2006 General Obligation Bond Funds) (\$80,000.00)

BACKGROUND

The City of Dallas was awarded Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funding from the North Central Texas Council of Governments, in the amount of \$4,000,000.00, for design and construction of a 12-foot-wide trail to connect the current terminus of the SOPAC Trail near the intersection of Greenville Avenue and Meadow Road to the Northaven Trail, north of Royal Lane. The project will be managed by the Park and Recreation Department through the design and construction process, with TxDOT providing project oversight and design review. Of the \$4,000,000.00 in funding awarded, \$80,000.00 will be used for TxDOT review fees.

The project is funded completely with federal sources, with the use of Transportation Development Credits (TDC), in the amount of \$800,000.00, to serve as the required local match.

A TDC is a financial accounting tool approved by the Federal Highway Administration allowing the use of federal funding without the requirement of a cash match. These credits are non-cash credits allocated to States as a representative value to account for toll road and tolled managed lanes that benefit the federal system.

Mobility 2045, the region's current Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), makes recommendations consisting of policies, programs, and projects that reflect regional priorities and support Mobility 2045 goals.

To encourage the development of alternative, strategic solutions, Mobility 2045 includes a voluntary list of policies that local governments and transportation agencies can choose to adopt. These policies aim to address issues that affect transportation in the region and cover a wide range of topics. By voluntarily adopting 50 percent of these policies, participating agencies will receive an offset of local funds for federal transportation projects in the form of TDC's. The City of Dallas participates in this program and is therefore eligible for the use of TDC's.

The CMAQ Program utilizes federal funding, administered by TxDOT. Acceptance of all federal-aid project funds are subject to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Program (DBE) requirements and the City must operate under TxDOT's DBE program, rather than the City's Business Inclusion and Development Plan. This Advance Funding Agreement sets forth the parameters for both agencies and specifies the responsibilities of each.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

Begin Design	October 2020
Complete Design	July 2021
Begin Construction	September 2021
Complete Construction	August 2022

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On August 6, 2020, the Park and Recreation Board authorized the Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Project (Agreement No. CSJ: 0918-47-274) for design and construction of the SOPAC Trail.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The total project cost of this funding agreement is \$4,177,184.00 with the following components:

Fund	FY 2020	FY 2021	Future Years
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funds	\$3,920,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Texas Department of Transportation Funds	\$ 177,184.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Park and Recreation Facilities Fund (2006 General Obligation Bond Funds)	\$ 80,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$4,177,184.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

The City will be responsible for project cost-overruns and future maintenance once the project is complete.

MAP

Attached