

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

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SUBJECT:

Presentation and discussion on a proposed project expenditure for the construction of improvements to the Last Tuber's Exit

DEPARTMENT: Transportation and Capital Improvements

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation (NBEDC) has worked to develop a list of capital projects to support - through engineering and design and/or construction funding - since the summer of 2022. The NBEDC voted unanimously to approve funding the final design of the Last Tuber's Exit project at its January 19, 2023 meeting with Frees and Nichols, Inc (FNI). The final design completed by FNI includes the construction design drawings and an opinion of probable cost for construction.

The proposed improvements to Last Tuber's Exit will help reduce staff intervention, reduce the backup of tubers at the lower landing area and stairs, and improve the safety for staff and park users. The construction of these improvements would replace the underwater stairs with additional steps and a 12' wide underwater landing. Handrails will be replaced, an ADA transfer system will be included, and marker buoys will be added to delineate the underwater landing.

Plans are to bring this item back for potential action and public comment at the NBEDC April 18, 2024 regular meeting. If approved, construction would begin after the 2024 river season ends.