

## Legislation Text

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**PRESENTER:**

Scott McClelland, Assistant Transportation and Capital Improvements Director

**SUBJECT:**

Public hearing, discussion, and possible action approving an expenditure of up to \$1,300,000 to the City of New Braunfels for the construction of Citywide Pedestrian Improvements - Package 2, a project authorized under 505.152 of the Texas Local Government Code.

**DEPARTMENT:** Transportation and Capital Improvements

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** 2, 3, & 6

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On December 15, 2022, the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation (NBEDC) directed the Transportation and Capital Improvements Department to move forward with the next step for the design of sidewalks as identified in Phase 1 of the Citywide Pedestrian Improvement project. The six sidewalk locations have been broken into two scopes (packages) to address varying complexities. The NBEDC approved funding for final design at its April 20, 2023 meeting and the City Council approved this funding at its May 22, 2023 meeting.

Package 2 of this project includes sidewalks and crossings at: Klein Road Elementary and New Braunfels Middle School area (Settlers Crossing, Pahlmeyer Road and Savannah Hill Circle), Landa Street and Loop 337 Access Road intersection, and Oak Run Parkway and Westpointe Drive intersection.

The NBEDC Board received a presentation on the construction of the package 2 sidewalks and an update on package 1 of the project at its April 18, 2024 meeting. If the project expenditure is approved, this item will move forward for City Council approval and contract award.

**ISSUE:**

Continue an ongoing program of infrastructure construction and maintenance

**STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE:**

☐ Economic Mobility ☒ Enhanced Connectivity ☐ Community Identity  
☐ Organizational Excellence ☐ Community Well-Being ☐ N/A

1. Identify and establish planning, capital, and operating funding to support and maintain a well-connected transportation network serving pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles.
5. Develop a sidewalk inventory and process to assess pedestrian connectivity and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility and establish priorities for funding, constructing, and maintaining pedestrian improvements.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The final opinion of probable construction cost, provided by Bain Medina Bain Engineers, estimates the construction phase cost to be \$1,300,000, including contingency and other construction phase services. Any allocated funding above the awarded contract amount will be returned to the NBEDC for future allocation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of \$1,300,000 for the construction of Citywide Pedestrian Improvements - Package 2