

## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:**

Discuss and consider approval of a resolution supporting a recommendation of City of New Braunfels transportation improvement projects for the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Surface Transportation Program - Metropolitan Mobility call for projects for the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

**BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:**

The Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has issued an agency call for Surface Transportation Program, Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) funded projects in support of the development of the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. STP-MM is a reimbursable federal funding program and all applicable federal rules apply. Contingent upon the availability of federal funding, the estimated STP-MM amount available for this program call is \$150-170 million.

The MPO will accept submittals for the construction of additional lane capacity; bicycle and pedestrian improvements; major planning studies; operational and safety improvements; and transit passenger facilities. Projects would be programmed to let to contract in years 2019 through 2024. Commitment of all project development costs and local match is required by the implementing agency which includes a minimum 20% local match for the construction cost and 100% of project development costs including engineering, environmental, right-of-way, construction management and project administration. Although the MPO makes funding decisions associated with STP-MM funds, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is the federally designated pass-through agency for this funding source. Entities awarded funding will enter into agreements with TxDOT and TxDOT will charge a fee for review of all aspects of the project(s).

Projects submitted for funding consideration must have a minimum construction cost of \$1,000,000 and must be on functionally classified roads and in areas that are open to the public. Project submittals and commitment of local match are due to the MPO on December 4, 2017. Projects will be selected by the MPO's Transportation Policy Board based on agency priorities, public input, project readiness and technical score.

Below are the proposed projects, type of project and implementing agency staff identified for MPO's STP-MM call for projects:

1. Loop 337 Overpass at River Road, Additional Lane Capacity, TxDOT
2. Advance Traffic Signal Management, Operational and Safety Improvements, TxDOT and City of New Braunfels
3. Klein Road between Walnut Ave and FM 725, Additional Lane Capacity, City of New Braunfels

4. FM 725/Seguin Ave at IH 35, Operational and Safety Improvements, TxDOT
5. FM 1101 between FM 306 to Kohlenberg Road, Additional Lane Capacity, TxDOT
6. Dry Comal Creek Trail between Walnut Ave and Landa Street, Bicycle and Pedestrian improvements, City of New Braunfels

The proposed projects are listed in staff priority. Preliminary engineering assessments are underway to determine the scope of the projects, construction estimates and project development costs for City of New Braunfels local match and project development cost estimates. The estimated project development and construction costs and identification of potential matching funds will be presented to City Council on November 27, 2017 for approval and commitment of local match.

The projects on the State Highway System have been coordinated with TxDOT who is preparing the application and project development and construction costs.

**ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:**

City Plan/Council Priority: 2006 Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Goal 21: Provide a system of convenient and safe transportation facilities through comprehensive, cooperative and continuing transportation system planning and development.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The STP-MM program is a reimbursable federal funding program and the City is responsible for the minimum 20% local match for the construction cost and 100% of project development costs for City of New Braunfels projects.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the six projects identified and prioritized in this report and resolution.