

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement to Contribute Right-of-way Funds with the Texas Department of Transportation for highway improvements on FM 725 from Zipp Road to County Line Road.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

In coordination with the City of New Braunfels, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be making highway improvements to improve mobility, reduce congestion and accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic on FM 725 from Zipp Road to County Line Road. The project will expand FM 725 from the exiting two-lane roadway to four-lanes with a center raised median with left turn bays at various locations, a shared use path on the south side, sidewalk on the north side, and associated traffic signal and drainage improvements. The project is currently scheduled for construction in 2024.

Roadway right-of-way (ROW) will increase from 100 feet to approximately 120 feet and requires approximately 4.58 acres of additional ROW. Although additional ROW is required, no residential or non-residential structures are anticipated to be displaced. The total cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$13 Million and funded through the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program administered through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

As part of the project funding, the City of New Braunfels is responsible for 10 percent of ROW costs. The total cost estimate for ROW is \$904,716.00 and the City is responsible for \$90,471.60.

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

Envision New Braunfels Comprehensive Plan	ACTION 7.55 [PARTNERSHIP] Collaborate with regional partners (MPO, TxDOT, AACOG, other cities, etc.) on future corridors between New Braunfels and Seguin to relieve congestion on SH 46, FM 725, and FM 1044 including an extension of FM 306 towards the Airport, an extension of Business 35, an extension of Rueckle Road or Solms Road, and a connection to SH 130.
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds are available in Roadway Impact Development Service Area 5.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.