

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution authorizing a project expenditure by the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation of up to \$450,000 to the City of New Braunfels for a project to construct transportation facilities to include the development, including design, environmental, and administrative services, of the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization New Braunfels Pedestrian Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

The City of New Braunfels prepared and submitted an application for the City Wide Pedestrian Improvements Project to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for funding through the FY2018-2019 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program. The four project locations are:

- McQueeney Road - From Briarbend to Northpark Ridge; sidewalks on both sides of the road for connectivity to the local neighborhoods, Memorial Hike/Bike trail including Fischer Park.
- Seele Elementary - Improves pedestrian facilities not only for the elementary students but for safe travel to local amenities including Landa Park, Landa Street, and various businesses along N. Walnut Ave.
- W. San Antonio Street - From Walnut Ave towards downtown ending at Academy Ave; sidewalks and improvements on both sides of the road for improved pedestrian travel to and from the downtown area and businesses along San Antonio St.
- S. Walnut Ave - From IH35 Frontage Road south to Gardenia Drive; improvements on both sides of the road to help promote alternate means of travel in a congested commercial business area.

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

X	Yes	City Plan/Council Priority:	Strategic Priorities: (Infrastructure) - Continue an ongoing program of infrastructure construction and maintenance.
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding up to \$450,000 is available from the NBEDC for the \$450,000 in non-reimbursable costs: design, environmental, etc. The NBEDC has adequate funds for the project expenditure.

The TASA Program is a reimbursement program that requires the Local Government to show that funds are available for the project in its entirety but will be allowed to submit for reimbursement of federal participation construction dollars only.

The AFA breakdown is as follows:

Total Project Costs	- \$1,709,166 (estimate)
Federal TASA participation	- \$1,213,369 (reimbursable)
State Participation	- \$87,058
Local Participation	- \$405,468 (20% construction & state administration; non-reimbursable)
	- \$450,000 (ancillary costs: project design, ROW, environmental, project overages; non-reimbursable)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The NBEDC met on April 19, 2018, and voted to approve this project expenditure.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of this resolution.