

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution recommended by the City of New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation approving a project expenditure of up to \$1,500,000 for the construction and realignment of Elizabeth Avenue from Landa Park Drive to approximately Hinman Island Drive in Landa Park, an eligible project expenditure and approving the issuance of an invitation for competitive sealed proposals for the construction; and declaring an effective date

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

On February 24, 2020 the City Council approved a recommendation from the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for a project expenditure for the redesign of Elizabeth Avenue from Landa Park Drive to approximately Hinman Island Drive in Landa Park. Elizabeth Avenue connects the community with Landa Park, Hinman Island, Prince Solms Park and the Comal River Recreation Area. It also provides direct access to Wurstfest, Circle Arts Theatre, Landa Park Miniature Golf and a parking lot that serves Wurstfest, summer and regular park users. The community identified a need to provide improvements at Elizabeth Avenue for enhanced pedestrian mobility and safety and operations. The design was completed during the summer of 2020 and this action would provide the funding necessary to undertake construction of the proposed design.

City staff recommends issuing an invitation for a Competitive Sealed Proposal (CSP) as the procurement method for the contract to construct this project. The CSP method allows the City to evaluate the most qualified contractors and the best value for the project. The evaluation of the proposals received by City staff will be presented to City Council for direction regarding the approval of a contract for construction.

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

X	Yes	Envision New Braunfels	ACTION 3.19 Improve walkability across town to attract younger generations seeking pedestrian connections. ACTION 7.8 Enhance pedestrian quality of the City by limiting the realm of the automobile. ACTION 7.42 Develop the landscaping and green spaces, particularly those along or adjacent to highways, with walkable infrastructure to provide safe access for pedestrians and bicyclists with no back-end parking.
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation has sufficient funds to support the project expenditure described above.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The EDC met at a special called meeting on September 30, 2020 and voted unanimously (5-0) in favor of the project expenditure.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution and the issuance of an invitation for competitive sealed proposals for the Elizabeth Avenue Realignment Project.