



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 11/30/2016

District H

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PRD - Funding Agreement with Buffalo Bayou Partnership for the Buffalo Bayou Heritage Corridor Hike & Bike Trail

Agenda Item#: 3.

Background:

On June 13, 2001, City Council approved Resolution 2001-28 authorizing the nomination of the Buffalo Bayou Heritage Corridor (the Project) for funding consideration in the statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) administered by Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). The project was selected for funding, but in 2014 it was withdrawn from the program due to multiple unforeseen delays. TxDOT continued to develop plans and specifications and has worked with Buffalo Bayou Partnership to complete acquisition of right-of-way.

In January 2015 TxDOT submitted the Project for funding consideration in the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects. In August, 2015 TxDOT requested and HPARD agreed to serve as the eligible project sponsor. On September 25, 2015, the H-GAC Transportation Policy Council approved Federal funding for the project through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) administered locally by TxDOT. As an eligible TAP project partner, TxDOT will provide a portion of the required share of the local funding contribution and construction plans as well as bid and contract for construction services.

The scope of work for Project consists of the addition of retaining walls and railing to the existing ten foot wide, concrete trail on the north bank of Buffalo Bayou from McKee Street to the Strauss Trunnion Bridge, rehabilitation of the abandoned Strauss Trunnion Bridge over Buffalo Bayou for pedestrian and bicycle use, construction of a ramp to McKee Street and construction of a ten foot wide, concrete trail on the south bank of Buffalo Bayou from Strauss Trunnion Bridge to west of the UPRR bridge. Additional improvements include landscape materials, pedestrian furniture and way finding signage. The purpose of the Project is to create a safe and convenient link between existing paths on the north and south banks of Buffalo Bayou and to bring bike/ped facilities to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) design guidelines.

The proposed Funding Agreement commits the Buffalo Bayou Partnership (BBP) to provide the Local Government Participation - the City's share - required for the project in the amount of \$370,000. City Council is concurrently asked by separate Council Action to approve the Advanced Funding Agreements with TxDOT for the Project.

Director's Signature:

Fiscal Note

Estimated Fiscal Operating Impact						
Recurring or One-Time	One-Time					
Fund Name	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY17-21
FED/LOCAL/STATE PASS-THROUGH GRANT FUNDED	\$712,531	\$712,531	\$712,531	\$712,531	\$0	\$2,850,122
OTHER GOVERNMENT - GRANT FUNDED	\$92,500	\$92,500	\$92,500	\$92,500	\$0	\$370,000
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$805,031	\$805,031	\$805,031	\$805,031	\$0	\$3,220,122

Prior Council Action:

Resolution 2001-28 June 13, 2001

Amount of Funding:

Federal Transportation Alternatives Program	Federal State/Local Pass-Through Grant Fund 5030	\$2,850,122
Buffalo Bayou Partnership	Other Government Grant Fund 5040	\$370,000

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