



Agenda Item Report

Legislative Board:	City Council
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ITEM TITLE: Adoption of a Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application to the 2028-2031 CAMPO Call for Projects for the FM 967 Shared Use Path Feasibility Study; making said application jointly with Great Springs Project; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Great Springs Project for the purposes of executing the Study if selected (Assistant City Manager Wendy L. Smith)

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to a project call from CAMPO, the City and Great Springs Project (GSP) jointly would like to submit the FM 967 Shared Use Path Feasibility Study (Study) and Design as a proposed planning effort to examine the feasibility, alignment, and implementation strategies for a shared use path along FM 967, from the Violet Crown Trail to Buda Sportsplex, with a connection to the Garlic Creek Trail in the City of Buda.

The project area encompasses approximately 3.5 miles of planned shared use path along FM 967, from the Violet Crown Trail's intersection with FM 967 to the Garlic Creek Trail east of FM 1626. The City of Buda has identified this corridor as a strategic priority for future active transportation investment, with the potential to link recreational amenities, residential areas, and Hays County ISD school sites. The study will evaluate engage with stakeholders and evaluate issues and opportunities to establishing the potential active transportation infrastructure, and produce detailed concept designs to position the preferred alternative for further design and construction.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

CAMPO issued a project call to solicit eligible projects that advance regional goals related to multimodal transportation, carbon emission reduction, and active transportation infrastructure. In response to that project call, the City and Great Springs Project jointly would like to submit the FM 967 Shared Use Path Feasibility Study and Design as a proposed planning effort to examine the feasibility, alignment, and implementation strategies for a shared use path along FM 967, from the Violet Crown Trail to Buda Sports Plex, with a connection to the Garlic Creek Trail in the City of Buda.

GSP is a Texas nonprofit organization with a mission to preserve natural spaces and promote regional trail connectivity from Austin to San Antonio by engaging local stakeholders, governmental entities, and the public. The City and GSP mutually recognize the public benefits of enhancing trail infrastructure within the City, including increased mobility options, improved air quality, economic vitality, and access to recreational and environmental resources. Establishing this shared use path will achieve a range of local priorities related to trail connectivity and safety for active transportation users. The Study will support local and regional priorities through technical analysis, public engagement, and coordination with agencies having jurisdiction, and will directly contribute to local

and regional long-range planning objectives and performance-based outcomes.

This shared use path essential to implementation of the Bicentennial Trail, established by the Texas Legislature as a network of hike and bike trails to connect the Alamo to the State Capitol and to include hike and bike trail connections to Barton Springs, San Marcos Springs, Comal Springs, and San Antonio Springs, for the purposes of promoting outdoor recreation, environmental stewardship, and the historical and cultural heritage of Texas. The Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) and Hays County have each expressed support for the Study and its alignment with their respective planning and policy goals, as well as the public purpose of the proposed study

3. ANALYSIS

N/A

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

If awarded in totality (study and design), the local match would be \$130,000, which is 20% of the \$650,000 estimated cost for both components.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

FUN EXPERIENCES FOR ALL

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Develop a connected recreational, multi-use trail system

7. PROS AND CONS

Pros: The project contributes to multi-modal connectivity supported in the City's master plans. Additionally, 80% of the cost would be paid through grant funds.

Cons: The local match is estimated to be up to \$130,000, which will need to be budgeted if the grant is awarded.

8. ALTERNATIVES

The Council may decide not to authorize submission of the application.

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application to the 2028-2031 CAMPO Call for Projects for the FM 967 Shared Use Path Feasibility Study and Design; making said application jointly with Great Springs Project; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Great Springs Project for the purposes of executing the Study and Design

Attachments:

[Resolution 967 SUP with GSP.docx](#)
[Agreement - Buda & GSP for RM 967](#)