



Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Courtney Sladek, Administration

ITEM TYPE: Resolutions

AGENDA SECTION: CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON

SUBJECT: Resolution R2026-08 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Department of Transportation for a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Project Along FM 653, and Approving the City Manager to Execute the Same

BACKGROUND: The City Council is requested to consider and approve a resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of El Campo and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program project along FM 653 (Wharton Street).

The proposed project consists of the design and construction of sidewalk improvements along FM 653 (N. Wharton) between SH 71 and Business U.S. Highway 59 South (East Jackson Street). Project elements include a five-foot-wide sidewalk, ADA-compliant curb ramps, pedestrian push buttons, pedestrian safety lighting, crosswalks, and associated signage. The project is located on the state highway system and will provide improved pedestrian safety and accessibility within this corridor.

The City submitted a project nomination for TASA funding consideration, and the Texas Transportation Commission approved funding for the project identified as CSJ 0266-13-019 through Minute Order No. 117073. At the request of the City, TxDOT will serve as the project sponsor and will be responsible for environmental review, preliminary engineering, bidding, contract award, and construction administration.

The attached MOU documents the current understanding between the City and TxDOT regarding project scope, roles, and funding. The MOU is expressly non-binding and serves to memorialize TxDOT's administration of the project in accordance with TASA program requirements. Under the MOU, TxDOT will provide the required local match through Transportation Development Credits, and the City will have no direct financial participation in project costs. TxDOT

will also be responsible for one hundred percent (100%) of any project cost overruns.

Approval of this item authorizes the City Manager to execute the MOU and any related non-substantive documents necessary to advance the project. This action allows the FM 653 sidewalk project to move forward into development and construction under TxDOT oversight.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adoption of Resolution R2026-08 approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with TxDOT for the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program along FM 653.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution No. 2026-08 MOU TASA.pdf](#)
[MOU TAPA FM 653.pdf](#)