

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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To: Town Council

Subject: Discuss, consider and act upon Resolution 2025-11 in support of submitting the Sunnyvale Rails to Trails Project to the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects.

Meeting: Town Council - June 9, 2025

Department: Parks

Staff Contact: Kari Pacheco

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Town of Sunnyvale intends to submit a Transportation Alternatives (TA) project application as part of TxDOT's Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects. This project was also submitted for grant funding in early 2023 as part of the TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects but was not selected for funding. The section of trail being submitted generally follows the original Rails to Trails alignment between Barnes Bridge Road to the Mesquite City Limit line with the exception of a bypass around the Stoney Creek neighborhood that follows portions of Town East Blvd, Collins Road, and Nance Road. This alignment also follows the US 80 frontage road system between the Rails to Trails corridor and Collins Road. The Town was planning to include a bike/pedestrian bridge above US80 that would better connect both sides of Sunnyvale, but following recent conversations with TxDOT, that request is on hold for now due to US 80 construction that is expected to occur from late 2025 into late 2029 or 2030. TxDOT recommended submitting the bike/ped bridge as part of a future TA Call for Projects as construction on US 80 gets closer to completion. The deadline for TxDOT's Transportation Alternatives grants application period is June 20, 2025, so approval of this resolution is needed to accompany the grant application.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Transportation Alternatives grant program requires a 20% local match. This project is listed in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan and could be funded from several funding sources including 4B or future debt issuance should the grant application be selected for funding.

ATTACHMENTS:

[RES 2025-11 Support for the Rails to Trails Application - NOT SIGNED.docx](#)

[Project Location - Map](#)

[Town of Sunnyvale transportation alternatives preliminary application_FINAL.pdf](#)