



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting December 12, 2023

DATE: December 5, 2023

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Leopard Street Turnback Resolution

CAPTION:

Resolution requesting the transfer of Leopard Street (IH-37 Frontage Road to Water Street) from the Texas Department of Transportation to the City of Corpus Christi, located in City Council District 1.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the transfer of the jurisdiction, control, and maintenance of State Highway 9 (aka Leopard Street) from the Texas Department of Transportation to the City of Corpus Christi.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In 1965, the State Highway Commission and City Council agreed to transfer maintenance of State Highway 9 to the City of Corpus Christi as portions of IH-37 were completed. In October 2020, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) conducted a cleanup of the highway system and discovered that the jurisdiction, control, and maintenance of State Highway 9 (Leopard Street) was not properly transferred to the City. TXDOT concluded that the actions taken in 1965 were stale and need to be updated by City action. Public Works assessed the Leopard Street right of way and notified TXDOT that State Highway 9 needed to be reconstructed in order for the City to accept jurisdiction of the right of way.

This action is the first step in the process of the City assuming ownership of this right of way. Upon Council adopting the attached ordinance, TXDOT will take the policy to the Texas Transportation Commission for approval.

TXDOT will then bid out the construction project for Leopard Street in February 2024 with \$3.5 million that has been identified for funding the improvements. These improvements will be limited

to Leopard Street from Rand Morgan to Cantwell Drive. This segment has been identified as the portion of the right of way with the worst Pavement Condition Index. Proposed improvements to the roadway include hot mix base repairs, cement treated improvements on the outside lanes, and a two-course surface treatment.

ALTERNATIVES:

Failure to pass this resolution would result in this transfer not occurring and the Texas Department of Transportation maintaining control of this property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:

Organization/Activity:

Department:

Project # (CIP Only): N/A

Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the passage of this resolution.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Exhibit A