



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of September 20, 2022

DATE: September 13, 2022

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Ratifying the submission of grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, in the Bridge Investment Program for Commodores Bridge

CAPTION:

Resolution ratifying the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration under the Bridge Investment Program grant, for a total project cost of approximately \$3,700,000 with a 10% city cash match in the amount of \$370,000 and a 90% federal share in the amount of \$3,330,000.

PURPOSE:

Resolution for the submittal of a federal grant application by the City of Corpus Christi to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for discretionary competitive funding opportunity under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant for construction of the Commodores Drive Mobility Bridge.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The USDOT has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Bridge Investment Program (“BIP”) grant to assist cities with planning and construction for large projects over \$100 million and bridge projects under \$100 million. Eligible projects include bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and construction that improve safety, efficiency, and reliability of mobility and improve existing bridges. This grant is a discretionary and competitive funding opportunity available to cities around the country that have bridge projects that will improve safety, benefit the surrounding environment, revitalize underutilized business zones or disadvantaged communities, and better the bridge’s ability to handle future regional network transportation needs.

The City of Corpus Christi is nominating Commodores Bridge Project for the BIP grant consideration. The Commodore Bridge is located at 14335 Commodores Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418. Currently, the Commodores Bridge is part of the Whitecap development. The proposed development consists of approximately 242 total acres, of which 50- acres are currently anticipated to be commercial development, and the remaining acreage to be used as a residential, marina, mixed-use, and a nature preserve.

There are canals and mobility bridge developments that are part of the overall project.

The Commodores Bridge, a multi-purpose bridge, will not only offer new boat-mobility access and significant improvement of water quality via circulation and flushing but also better handle the future regional network transportation needs of the surrounding community, which is in the process of expanding through an adjacent two-hundred and forty-two acres master-planned development. Additionally, this unique project is committed to creating public spaces, ample pedestrian and cycling amenities, and sensitive environmental areas.

ALTERNATIVES:

Refuse the grant and find other funding sources for development of Commodores Bridge.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

City Council approval is required for acceptance of grant and the 10% local match.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact for the application process.

Funding Detail: N/A

Fund:

Organization/Activity:

Mission Element:

Project # (CIP Only):

Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Commodores Bridge Exhibit