



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of December 12, 2017

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**DATE:** November 14, 2017

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Resolution approving submission of City projects for the Corpus Christi MPO 2018 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program
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### **CAPTION:**

Resolution supporting and approving the submission nominations with Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Fiscal Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation Alternatives Set – Aside Program (TASAP) for Schanen Hike & Bike Trail extension, Phase 4 and Dr. Hector P. Garcia Hike and Bike Trail, Phase 2.

### **PURPOSE:**

This resolution provides for City Council approval of nominations for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TASAP). The program's purpose is to provide federal/state funds with local matching funds (80/20 respectively) for projects related to transportation alternatives for non-motorized mobility.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

On September 26, 2017, the Corpus Christi MPO issued 2018 TA Set-Aside Program Call for Projects. The TASAP, formerly Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), is authorized under the Federal Transportation Bill; Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The TASAP is similar to former Transportation Enhancements and Safe Routes to School programs and administered through the MPO and TxDOT. Approved projects are eligible for 80/20 Federal/City funding participation respectively.

The 2018 TASAP Call for Projects requires submission by December 13, 2017. Funding is programmed for FY 2019 and FY 2020 for a total of approximately \$1.1M. Applicants must seek award amounts of \$150K or more. The program provides funds for smaller scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities and safe routes to school projects. Projects are selected through a competitive process.

City staff recommends continuation (extension) of two previously approved trail projects; Schanen Ditch Hike & Bike Trail Phase 4 and Dr. Hector P. Garcia Hike & Bike Trail Phase 2 with a combined total cost estimate of \$1.5 million. The Schanen Ditch Trail Phase 4 will extend the trail approximately 3,200 LF from Killarmet to Holly Road allowing trail access from Yorktown to Holly. Dr. Hector P. Garcia Hike & Bike Trail Phase 2 extends the trail approximately 5,200 LF along Columbia Parkway from Trojan Drive to Horne Road that connects the previous trail within the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Park to adjacent neighborhoods.

Proposed trail sections are 10ft wide Hot-Mix-Asphalt-Concrete (HMAC) to extend length and connectivity of trail networks. Both trail sections and routes are consistent with the approved Strategic Plan for Active Mobility, Phase 1 Bicycle Mobility Plan. The City's Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) and Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) recommended the nomination as presented.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve submission of nomination. (recommended)
2. Do not approve submission of nomination. (not recommended)

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Not applicable

**EMERGENCY / NON EMERGENCY:**

Non- Emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Street Operations Department, Engineering Services Department, Parks & Recreation Department

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

☐ Operating      ☐ Revenue      ☐ Capital      ☒ Not applicable at this time

<b>Fiscal Year 2017-2018</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
<b>This item</b>				
Future Anticipated Expenditures This Project				
<b>BALANCE</b>				

**Comments:** The City matching funds (approximately \$300,000) will come from the Bond 2016 TxDOT Participation project. Funding commitment is required.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of resolution as proposed, which would allow staff to submit nominations to receive federal funds from CCMPO to support our transportation initiatives.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution  
Location Map  
Presentation