



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of August 11, 2020

**DATE:** July 14, 2020

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**Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Nueces County and acceptance of**  
**United States Department of Commerce Economic Development**  
**Administration Grant**  
**Junior Beck Drive (Bear Lane to Dead End)**  
**(Bond 2018, Proposition B)**

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Nueces County to reimburse \$200,000 to the City related to the engineering design cost associated with the extension of Junior Beck Drive from Dead End to Old Brownsville Road and accepting and appropriating a Financial Assistance Award in an amount of \$3,000,000 from the United States Department of Commerce-Economic Development Administration for the design and construction of Junior Beck Drive located in City Council District 3, with a City match of \$750,000 with funding available through the 2018 Bond Program and amending the Capital Improvement Program Budget and appropriating grant Funds in the Street CIP Fund.

### **SUMMARY:**

This item authorizes an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) with City of Corpus Christi (City) and Nueces County (County) to reimburse \$200,000 to the City for engineering design cost associated with the extension of Junior Beck Drive and acceptance of a Financial Assistance Award (EDA Grant) from the United States Department of Commerce-Economic Development Administration (EDA) for \$3,000,000 to be used for

the design and construction of Junior Beck Drive from Bear Lane to Old Brownsville Road.

## **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Currently, Junior Beck Drive is an established roadway from Bear Lane to Dead End (0.63 miles). The Street 2018 Bond - Proposition B approved the rehabilitation of Junior Beck Drive from Bear Lane to Dead End with a budget of \$1,400,000 for the reconstruction of roadway, sidewalk, pavement markings and lighting improvements. The existing roadway is classified as a Minor Residential Collector Street in the City Urban Transportation Plan with 2-lane asphalt pavement with curb, gutter, and sidewalks that are in poor condition with aging underground utility systems. Junior Beck Drive currently supports industrial and commercial activity with heavy commercial vehicular traffic and has only one access point from Bear Lane. The project is in preliminary design with 30% completion.

In December 2019, the Nueces County Commissioner Court approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Nueces County for the associated engineering cost related to the preparation of design and construction plans for the extension of Junior Beck Drive from the dead end to Old Brownsville Road (0.32 miles) for funds in an amount of \$200,000. The City shall invoice the County upon commencement of the construction of the Extension for the reimbursement of funds. The County may increase their funding upon approval of the Nueces County Commissioner Court.

In September 2019, the City received an EDA Grant for \$3,000,000 for the construction of Junior Beck Drive from Bear Lane to Old Brownsville Road (0.95 miles). The EDA Grant is an economic development reimbursement grant requiring a \$750,000 City match for the project. The matching funds is satisfied with the \$1,400,000 from the Bond 2018 project. Currently, the section of Junior Beck Drive from Dead End to Old Brownsville Road is located on private property. The Right of Way (ROW) required for the extension of the Junior Beck Drive may be donated or purchased; however, the EDA grant funds shall not be used in the ROW purchase and the eminent domain process for acquiring ROW for the street extension is not allowed on a project funded by this type of grant. The grant has time constraints of two years to begin construction, two years to complete construction, and two years for project and grant closeout, and the time started when the Financial Assistance Award CD-450 was signed by the EDA on September 30, 2019. It may be possible to modify the limits of the grant if the roadway extension is not pursued. That decision is determined by the EDA and would be dependent on the projects ability to stimulate economic development around the project.

The Junior Beck Drive extension from Dead End to Old Brownsville Road is a planned street without any existing roadway, utilities and drainage improvements. The roadway extension is classified as a Minor Residential Collector Street in the City Urban Transportation Plan. However, based on the preliminary cost estimates and availability of

funds, Staff recommend the roadway extension to be designed as a local rural street section within a 60' ROW with 26' wide new asphalt pavement, and drainage improvements. The EDA Grant does not fund for utility improvements like water and wastewater. The utilities for the roadway extension must be funded through Water Fund. The funds for the extension of the roadway pavement are funded through the ILA and the EDA Grant.

If Council approves the grant funds, the project completion for Junior Beck Dr. from Bear Lane to Old Brownsville Road will be three years. If Council does not approve the grant funds, the project will only consist of Junior Beck Dr. from Bear Lane to Dead End as per the approved Street 2018 Bond project. The project design and timeline is dependent on Council approval and has been lengthened to accommodate ROW acquisition with the anticipated construction award estimated to be in the Spring of 2021.

#### **PROJECT TIMELINE:**

2019-2021		2021				2021-2022	
June-March		A	M	J	J	August-December	
Design		Bid				Construction	

The project design timeline has been lengthened to accommodate ROW acquisition with the anticipated construction award estimated to be in the Spring of 2021.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Council could reject the ILA and the EDA Grant which would result in the removal of the extension of the Junior Beck Drive from Dead End to Old Brownsville Road. Neither of these alternatives will delay the original Bond 2018 Proposition B project.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved by council, the fiscal impact in FY 2020 is the acceptance and appropriation of the EDA grant funds of \$3,000,000 into the Street CIP Fund, specifically within the Junior Beck project.

#### **Funding Detail:**

The \$3,200,000 will be deposited into two revenue accounts upon receipt of funds.

3530 – 110625 : Due from US GOV (\$3 million)  
 3530 – 116000 : Due from Nueces County (\$200,000)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Engineering Services and Public Works recommend conditional acceptance of the EDA Grant and the ILA dependent upon the successful negotiation of the ROW dedication at no cost to City from the single property owner in exchange for the construction of the street extension from Junior Beck from Dead End to Old Brownsville Road.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Location & Vicinity Maps  
Interlocal Cooperation Agreement  
Financial Assistance Award