



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager   **DATE:** March 26, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Approve Resolution No. 2018-008 approving an Advance Funding Agreement relating to the NRH active transportation projects for trail and on-road systems; Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Project CSJ 0902-90-079; and authorizing the city manager to execute said agreement on behalf of the City of North Richland Hills.

**PRESENTER:** Joe Pack, Senior Park Planner, Parks and Recreation

### **SUMMARY:**

The Regional Transportation Council awarded \$617,294 to the City of North Richland Hills on June 8, 2017 for active transportation projects under the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TASA). As such, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and The City of North Richland Hills must execute an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) before the city can spend funds for any reimbursable services.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Federally funded TASA program provides funding for active transportation facilities and improvements specifically focusing on regional and local network connectivity, access to public transportation, improving safety and providing safe trail and bike route crossings with roadway intersections.

City Council approved Resolution No. 2017-005 on February 13, 2017 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. The Regional Transportation Council took action to award \$617,294 to the City of North Richland Hills on June 8, 2017 for active transportation projects for trail and on-road systems under the TASA program. The award represents 80% of the total proposed cost for the project with 20% being the city's share.

The specific scope of work consists of 12 sub-projects that address pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements at various intersections and street and trail crossings throughout the city. Installation of appropriate warning devices are included at three trail and street crossings, specifically the JoAnn Johnson Trail at Rufe Snow, the John Barfield Trail at Kirk Lane, and the John Barfield Trail at Rumfield Road.



High visibility roadway intersections include Iron Horse and Mid Cities roads, Precinct Line and Glade roads and Londonderry and Bursey roads. These intersections will become more visible by striping, signage and beacons as necessary, all to American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards. Installation of emergency response location signage will be installed every 1/8 mile on the entire trail system. Six existing streets are already "traffic calmed" with low volumes. These are important linkages between existing off-road trails and other major destinations within the city. As such, these streets will receive designation as bicycle boulevards using striping, chevrons and signage all according to AASHTO standards.

The total project cost estimate is \$809,578 with federal participation of \$617,294, state participation of \$37,958 and the city's participation is \$154,326. Upon execution of the AFA, the city will be responsible for 20% of the state direct cost, which is \$10,272 payable to TxDOT. The first payment of \$1,138 is due to the state within 30 days from execution of the AFA and the second payment of \$9,134 is due to the state 60 days prior to the construction contract advertising for bids.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution No. 2018-008.