



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 13, 2017
SUBJECT: Approve Resolution No. 2017-005 Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program
PRESENTER: Bill Thornton, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

SUMMARY:

The City of North Richland Hills is eligible to apply for matching grant funds from the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) Program. Adoption of the attached resolution is a pre-requisite to completing the grant application package prior to their February 24, 2017 project nomination deadline.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Federally-funded TA Set-Aside 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.

The City Wide Trail and Route System Plan was reviewed by the Park and Recreation Board at the October 3, 2016 meeting and Council reviewed the plan at the January 9, 2017 Work Session. Recommendations from this plan are the basis for the TA Set-Aside project nominations.

Based on concurrence from the City Council, staff is currently preparing an application for a TA Set-Aside project titled, "NRH Active Transportation Projects for Trail and On-Road Systems." The minimum federal funding award per project is \$150,000. The funds provided will be on a cost reimbursement basis with 80% of project costs being federally funded and 20% of the project costs being the responsibility of the local government.

The City Wide Trail and Route System Plan included the following recommendations which meet the project evaluation criteria for the TA Set-Aside Grant Program.

1. Solar Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons proposed at various trail and road intersections.
2. High visibility crosswalks for on-road bicycle routes and major intersections.
3. New high visibility crosswalk along the Cotton Belt Trail at Precinct Line Road and Glade Road.
4. Shared Use Path on the north side of Glenview Drive from Linda Spurlock Park westward to Diamond Loch.



5. Shared Use Path from the John Barfield Trail west of Rio Bend Court to the sidewalk on the south side of North Tarrant Parkway.
6. New sidewalk along Iron Horse Boulevard between the Cotton Belt/Calloway Branch Trails and Mid Cities Boulevard.
7. Bicycle Boulevards on various streets designated by the use of shared lane markings and wayfinding and Bicycle Boulevard identification signs.
8. 911 Emergency Location signage along all trails at a frequency no greater than every 1/8 mile.
9. Trail and street intersection identification signs along all trails.

Significant project savings after completion of the Calloway Branch and John Barfield Trails, totaling approximately \$286,000, can be used to fund the required 20% local match.

While staff is still working to determine a final project cost, the total estimated project cost is not expected to exceed \$350,000. At the 20% match rate, the City's contribution would be no more than \$70,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2017-005.