



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

From: The Office of the City Manager **Date:** April 12, 2021

Subject: Consider Resolution No. 2021-022, recommending inclusion of designated roadway projects in the 2021 Tarrant County Transportation Bond program

Presenter: Caroline Waggoner, Director of Public Works

Summary:

The City Council is being asked to approve a resolution supporting North Richland Hills inclusion of several designated roadway projects in the 2021 Tarrant County Transportation Bond program, and identifying funding sources to supply the required 50% match.

General Description:

On January 18, 2021, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court passed the 2021 Transportation Bond Program Policy. It outlines the Program Goals, Structure and Eligibility for the upcoming Tarrant County Bond Election for November 2021. The total program includes \$400M funding from Tarrant County, but the initial call for projects for the 50% match will be \$200M. The funding structure for the program is as follows:

- Call for Projects - 50% Match (\$200M)
- Discretionary - Each Commissioner will have \$15M to spend at his or her discretion (\$75M total)
- Countywide Initiatives and Partnerships - Projects selected by the Commissioners Court for projects providing multi-jurisdictional benefits (\$125M). These projects expand the project types as well, see the document attached.

Some additional notes related to the call for projects:

- Priority will be given to shovel ready projects, which are defined as projects that are fully funded and can begin construction within 5 years of the date of the bond election is approved by voters.
- Project costs incurred prior to the date of the bond election will not be reimbursable or count towards the City's match.
- Reimbursement will be for transportation related improvements, to include utilities replaced with the street. Additional features like landscaping and lighting are not reimbursable.



City staff has compiled a list of nine (9) candidates for consideration as part of the initial \$200M call for projects. Three of the nine projects are already funded as part of the City's 2020 Street Bond Program. In addition to each of the nine projects being worthy candidates on their own, city staff is also working with adjacent communities (Keller, Hurst, Richland Hills and Haltom City) to coordinate submittals in cases where roadways cross multiple jurisdictions, and can be considered regionally significant if projects are aggregated. In the case of Shady Grove Road, this would mean a cost-share with the City of Keller, while the other projects (Glenview and Harwood) would simply be coordinated as multi-jurisdictional, and the City will not provide any matching funds for those projects.

Tarrant County will select submitted projects to include in the bond program at its discretion. The City of North Richland Hills will fund the cost of the balance of each selected project from the city's approved bond funds and other available capital funds, which such funding sources will be specifically identified prior to submission of the application.

	Project Estimate	Tarrant County Share	NRH Share	Keller Share
Glenview Drive (East)	\$ 3,850,000	\$ 1,925,000	\$ 1,925,000	
Glenview Drive (West)	\$ 4,150,000	\$ 2,075,000	\$ 2,075,000	
Bedford Euless Road	\$ 3,890,000	\$ 1,945,000	\$ 1,945,000	
Iron Horse Blvd. (820 - Browning)	\$ 7,410,000	\$ 3,705,000	\$ 3,705,000	
Iron Horse Blvd. (Browning - Rufe Snow)	\$ 4,230,000	\$ 2,115,000	\$ 2,115,000	
Shady Grove Road	\$ 6,680,000	\$ 3,340,000	\$ 1,820,000	\$ 1,520,000
Smithfield Road	\$ 6,045,000	\$ 3,022,500	\$ 3,022,500	
Hightower Drive	\$ 10,610,000	\$ 5,305,000	\$ 5,305,000	
Harwood Road	\$ 7,430,000	\$ 3,715,000	\$ 3,715,000	

\$ 54,295,000 \$ 27,147,500 \$ 25,627,500

\$ 27,147,500 * for Bond Application

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2021-022, recommending the inclusion of designated North Richland Hills roadway projects in the Tarrant County 2021 Transportation Bond program.