



Agenda Information Sheet

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Quality of Life  
**AGENDA DATE:** February 27, 2019  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** 3, 4, 12, 13  
**DEPARTMENT:** Park & Recreation Department  
**EXECUTIVE:** Willis C. Winters

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**SUBJECT**

Authorize application of four candidate projects to the North Central Texas Council of Governments through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for cost reimbursement in the Active Transportation Project category for the proposed: Five Mile Creek Trail Project, the Trinity Skyline Trail Link Project, the Cotton Belt Trail Project, Segments CB18 and CB20, and the proposed SoPac Trail Access and Safety Enhancement Project - Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information for potential future costs)

**BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) Program was authorized under Section 1109 of Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (the current transportation funding and authorization bill) and provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives. The program is similar to the former Transportation Alternatives Program, Transportation Enhancement, and Safe Routes to School Programs. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) has deemed eligible projects to be those which include active transportation projects that make non-motorized transport safe, convenient, and appealing. Such types of eligible projects include: on-road and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, enhanced mobility, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

The program in North Central Texas is being administered by the RTC and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). Of the total approximate \$8,000,000.00 funds available, approximately \$5,243,040.00 is being made available in the Eastern Subregion of NCTCOG. There is no limit to the number of projects that may be submitted by a municipality. Successful projects are eligible for a federal funding award of between \$150,000.00 and \$5,000,000.00 per project. The minimum local match requirement is 20 percent with projects eligible for reimbursement of up to 80 percent of allowable costs.

The program is not a grant and funds are provided on a cost reimbursement basis. Applications are due March 1, 2019, and there is a requirement of a resolution of a local cash match commitment of funds. For each successful project submission, the municipality will need to consummate a project agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation within one year after selection. Subsequently, a construction contract must be consummated within three years of the date of selection.

The **Five Mile Creek Trail** will connect the existing trail on the east side at Hampton Road for 6,500 linear feet to the west side of Westmoreland Road. The project is on the City's 2008 Dallas Trail Network Master Plan. The project is estimated to cost \$2,500,000.00. This application requests \$2,000,000.00 of Active Transportation Project funding for this project. The 2006 Bond Program has funding available for this project in the amount of \$500,000.00 which meets the local match requirement. Construction documents were previously prepared for this project, but there was not sufficient funding for construction.

The **Trinity Skyline Trail Link** will connect the Santa Fe Trestle Trail to the Trinity Skyline Trail and is part of the Circuit Trail Loop. This 0.5-mile trail is on the City's 2008 Dallas Trail Network Master Plan. The project is estimated to cost \$2,000,000.00. This application requests \$1,600,000.00 of Active Transportation Project funding for this project. The Circuit Trail Conservancy, as part of their private match funding for the Circuit Trail Loop has committed \$400,000.00, which meets the local match requirement.

The **Cotton Belt Trail** is a part of the Regional Veloweb Trail that connects the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport through Dallas and into Plano. All sections except Segments CB18 and CB20 are already funded. The **Cotton Belt Trail, Segment CB18**, will connect the trail from Campbell Road eastward to Davenport Road at approximately 1,717 linear feet. This trail is on the City's 2008 Dallas Trail Network Master Plan. The CB18 portion of the project is estimated to cost \$666,500.00. This application requests \$533,200.00 of Active Transportation Project funding for this segment. The 2006 Bond Program has funding available for this project in the amount of \$133,300.00 which meets the local match requirement. The **Cotton Belt Trail, Segment CB20** is from Waterview Parkway west to the Preston Ridge Trail, just east of Meandering Way at approximately 7,231 linear feet. This trail is on the City's 2008 Dallas Trail Network Master Plan. The CB20 portion of the project is estimated to cost \$1,530,000.00. This application requests \$1,224,000.00 of Active Transportation Project funding for this segment. Transportation Development Credits are available for this project in the amount of \$306,000.00 which meets the local match requirement.

The **SoPac Trail Access and Safety Enhancement Project** will expand trail access and safety enhancements at the Fair Oaks Park entry and at the Eastridge Drive and Park Lane intersection, and 160 lighting fixtures. This trail is on the City's 2008 Dallas Trail Network Master Plan. The total project is estimated to cost \$1,297,148.00. This application requests \$972,861.00 of Active Transportation Project funding for this project. The Vickery Meadow Public Improvement District has funding available for this project in the amount of \$324,287.00 which meets the local match requirement.

\*Please note that this action does not encumber funds.

