

Project Name: Main Street Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility Walkway Project

Project Location: Main Street (FM 2268), Salado, TX 76571

Project Recipient: Village of Salado, Texas, P.O. Box 219, Salado, TX 76571

Requested Amount: \$2.75 M

The *Main Street Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility Walkway Project* is a critical capital improvement project intended to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety in Salado's historic downtown business district.

The project involves the construction of an ADA accessible pedestrian walkway over the Salado Creek. The ability of pedestrian shoppers to safely cross the Salado Creek is a key to success of the downtown business district which plays a major role in the Village's economy.



Currently, pedestrians must utilize a narrow, non-ADA accessible walkway attached to the historic Main Street Bridge to cross over the Salado Creek from one side of the business district to the other. That walkway is unable to handle the large crowds that frequent the business district. The narrowness of the existing walkway prohibits two-way pedestrian traffic, often resulting in pedestrians, strollers, wheelchairs, and mobility aids spilling out onto the roadway.

TxDOT considers the Main Street Bridge and its walkway historic due to the age of the structure. As a result, indications are that retrofitting the existing bridge with a wider walkway may not be possible. Therefore, the Village proposes to build a separate walkway structure adjacent to the TxDOT bridge.

The budget for the project is \$2.75 million, which includes funding for design, permitting, and construction of the walkway structure. The project is expected to be completed within a year of receiving funds.



Project Name: Royal Street Improvement Project

Project Location: Royal Street (Between Main Street & Smith Branch Road), Salado, TX 76571

Project Recipient: Village of Salado, Texas, P.O. Box 219, Salado, TX 76571

Requested Amount: \$3 M

The *Royal Street Improvement Project* is a critical capital improvement project intended to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety on one of the Village of Salado's heaviest traveled roadways. The project involves the construction of ADA accessible sidewalks, decorative street lights and associated minor drainage improvements on Royal Street which carries a high volume of residential, school, and business traffic.

Currently, Royal Street is a substandard Village-owned arterial roadway that carries more than 2,400 vehicles a day. That traffic count is projected to almost double in the near future because of growth in the Village and its ETJ.



The Village recently sought and received approximately \$1,000,000 in funding from the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization for the reconstruction of the roadway's surface. The improved surface will extend the lifespan of the heavily traveled road and make it capable of safely handling the significant increases in traffic volume projected in the future. Reconstruction of the roadway surface is expected to occur in the late summer of 2020.

Royal Street does not currently have sidewalks or street lights, making it unsafe for pedestrian traffic. This is a serious issue considering the roadway carries traffic to and from Salado's residential community, the Main Street business district, and the Royal Street entertainment district.

The Village is committed to growing the sidewalk inventory within the community.

Sidewalks and lighting were recently installed on Main Street by TxDOT and the Village. They have since played a vital role in the downtown area's economic and financial success by enhancing pedestrian and vehicle safety, while promoting connectivity and walkability.



Adding sidewalks to Royal Street is yet one more step towards enhancing pedestrian safety and promoting connectivity in Salado.

The scope of the project involves the design and construction of sidewalks, decorative street lighting, and associated minor drainage improvements on Royal Street from Main Street to Smith Branch Road. The project budget is \$3 million, and work is expected to take ten months to complete.

Project Name: Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Project

Project Location: Mill Creek Drive, Old Mill Road and Pace Park Road, Salado, TX 76571

Project Recipient: Village of Salado, Texas, P.O. Box 219, Salado, TX 76571

Requested Amount: \$650,000

The *Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Project* is a critical capital improvement project intended to enable a safer, more mobile, and healthier community.

Currently, no sidewalks exist on the streets of Salado, except for those along Main Street in the Village's downtown business district. While the Village of Salado is committed to requiring sidewalks in future developments, the Village is facing the significant challenge of retrofitting already built-out areas of the community with sidewalks.

The Village of Salado made pedestrian accommodation a priority when adopting the updated Transportation Master Plan in 2019. The Village recognizes that making pedestrian accommodation a top priority is essential to creating a community that will be sustainable for decades to come.

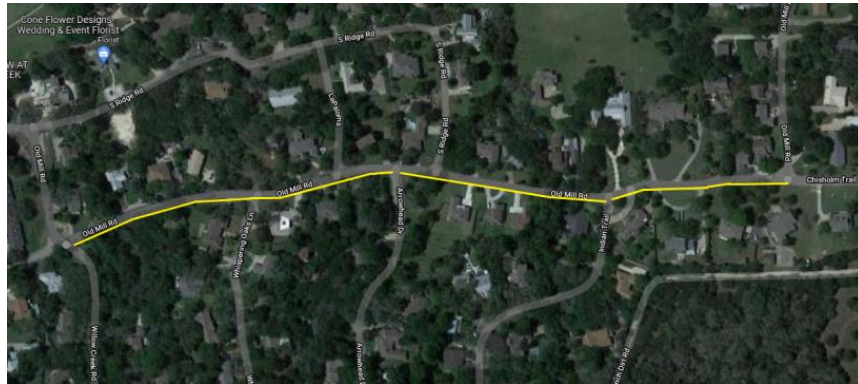
The Village's goal is to broaden the benefits of pedestrian accommodations by expanding the sidewalk inventory, starting with key thoroughfares on the outskirts of downtown and in residential neighborhoods.

The project would include minimal drainage improvements and construction of an estimated 6,050 feet of sidewalk on one side of the street for the following thoroughfares:

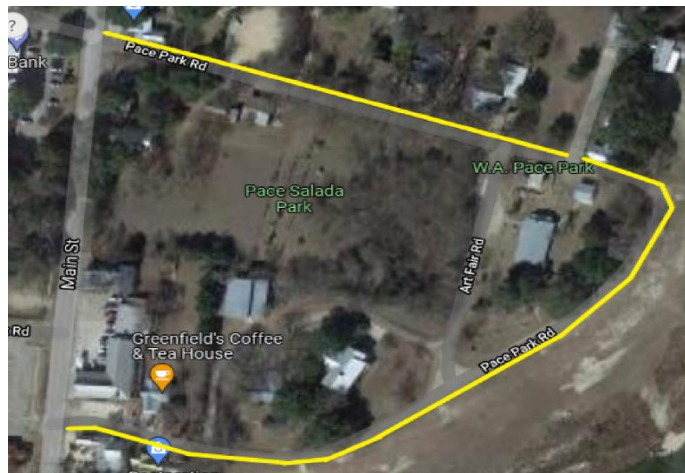
- Mill Creek Drive from N. Main Street to Chisholm Trail – 1,830 feet of sidewalk (See layout below)



- Old Mill Road from Willow Creek Road to Chisholm Trail – 2,120 feet of sidewalk (See layout below)



- Pace Park Road from Main Street to Main Street – 2,100 feet of sidewalk (See layout below)



The budget for the comprehensive sidewalk project is \$650,000, which includes funds for the sidewalk design, construction, and related minimal drainage improvements. The project is expected to be completed within one year of receiving funds.

Project Name: Stagecoach Circle/Chisholm Trail Improvement Project
Project Location: Stagecoach Circle and Chisholm Trail, Salado, TX 76571
Project Recipient: Village of Salado, Texas, P.O. Box 219, Salado, TX 76571
Requested Amount: \$7 M

The *Stagecoach Circle/Chisholm Trail Stormwater Improvement Project* is a critical capital improvement project intended to enable public safety, sustainable development, and maintain the environment for the



health and welfare of Salado’s residents. The project will prevent flooding by directing stormwater away from homes while at the same time reducing soil erosion, removing toxic materials, and limiting the accumulation of stagnant water.

Since its incorporation in 2000, the Village of Salado has relied on a pre-existing, open channel drainage system to move stormwater throughout the Village.

As the community has grown and stormwater flows have increased, the need has been identified to address a critical drainage issue that has plagued one of Salado’s older neighborhoods – the Stagecoach Circle/Chisholm Trail area – for years.

Inadequate surface drainage in the subject area frequently results in floodwaters topping roadways and even entering homes after just three or four inches of rain.

The Village committed a significant portion of the more than \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding that it received in 2021 to hire an engineer to study the referenced drainage issue and prepare plans for needed improvements. Federal permits will need to be sought for any planned improvements since the area in question is located in the regulatory flood zone. The study, design work and permitting is expected to be completed in 2022.

Preliminary assessments indicate there will be a need to install some underground drainage structures in the area along with properly sizing any existing surface drainage structures that will remain.



It should be noted that compounding the Stagecoach Circle/Chisholm Trail drainage concerns are added stormwater flows generated by the recently completed I-35 Expansion Project. The Village raised the issue with TxDOT in 2017, but TxDOT took no action to resolve the problem at the time.

This will be the largest drainage improvement project undertaken by the Village in its twenty-two (22) year history. Smaller projects done by the Village included flood mitigation projects on the Salado Creek and its tributaries and culvert replacements.

The project budget is \$7 million for the construction of the needed drainage improvements. The project is expected to be completed within two years of receiving funds.

Project Name: West Village Road Development Project

Project Location: West Village Road (Between Thomas Arnold and Williams Roads), Salado, TX 76571

Project Recipient: Village of Salado, Texas, P.O. Box 219, Salado, TX 76571

Requested Amount: \$5.5 M

The *West Village Road Development Project* is a critical capital improvement project intended to enable public safety, improve traffic flow, and increase connectivity, while at the same time, promoting economic development.

The project will establish connectivity between residential, commercial and public school properties in west Salado, one of the fastest growing areas of the community.

West Village Road is a narrow substandard two-way street with no sidewalk or street lights. In addition to serving existing business and residential developments in the subject area, the roadway is the main thoroughfare between Salado ISD facilities on the north and south ends of the community.



All the Salado ISD campuses and athletic facilities are located in the area of the subject roadway. In addition, there is an existing mix of occupied commercial and residential properties in the area. Construction is also underway on an 80+ acre mixed-use development that will add another 175 homes and 16 acres of commercial development in the area.

Residential, business and school-related pedestrian and vehicular traffic on West Village Road are on the rise. Those numbers will increase as the area develops further.

With increases in pedestrian and vehicular traffic on the heavily traveled roadway, and considering roadway's poor condition, the *West Village Road Development Project* is a top priority transportation project for the Village of Salado.

The Village has partnered with the Salado ISD and Bell County to develop a concept plan for the design of a "new" West Village Road that will have two travel lanes, along with a turn lane, underground utilities, drainage improvements, sidewalks and decorative street lights.

Much of the right of way for the new roadway has already been acquired.

While the cost of the project is significant, the project will improve public safety in a high growth corridor.

The budget for the project is \$5.5 million. The project is expected to be completed within one year of receiving funds.



Project Name: Westside Wastewater Enhancement Project

Project Location: FM 2484 and Lark Trail, Salado, TX 76571

Project Recipient: Village of Salado, Texas, P.O. Box 219, Salado, TX 76571

Requested Amount: \$4.5 M

The *Westside Wastewater Enhancement Project* is a critical capital improvement project intended to enable economic prosperity, environmental quality, and social benefit.

The Village of Salado currently has one wastewater treatment plant that can treat up to 300,000 gallons per day on the east side of I-35. The service area for the existing wastewater treatment plant includes the Village's business district, two planned mixed-use developments, and limited residential developments.



As Salado's population rapidly increases, the Village has identified the need to expand its wastewater system by adding a second wastewater treatment plant on the Village's west side of I-35 to better serve project growth in that area. Along with providing additional treatment capacity in a high growth area, the addition of a second treatment plant will avoid the need to pump wastewater collected on the west side across the community to the Village's existing treatment plant located on the far east side of Salado.

The Village has entered into negotiations with a commercial developer regarding the possible acquisition of the developer's membrane wastewater treatment plant and lift station that were recently installed to serve a planned mixed-use development and other residential development on the west side. The permitted treatment capacity is 300,000 gallons per day.

The Village is interested in acquiring the privately-owner wastewater treatment facilities, along with the discharge permit, to serve future commercial and residential development on the west side of Salado. Acquisition of the new facilities would be significantly cheaper than building a new treatment plant from the ground up. The subject treatment plant is also designed to provide an enhanced level of effluent treatment which will further protect the environment downstream from the plant.

The budget for the project is \$4.5 million. This project includes acquisition of the privately-owned treatment plant, lift station, land where the facilities are located, and the associated discharge permit. The project is expected to be completed upon acquisition of the facilities.

Project Name: Automated Low Water Crossing Flood Gates Project (*Potential County Project*)
Project Location: South Ridge Road and Chisholm Trail Low Water Crossings, Salado, TX 76571
Project Recipient: Village of Salado, Texas, P.O. Box 219, Salado, TX 76571
Requested Amount: \$150,000

The *Automated Low Water Crossing Flood Gates Project* is a critical capital improvement project intended to help prevent motorists in Salado from entering frequently flooded areas, potentially saving lives and property.

Studies indicate Texas has the highest number of flood fatalities and vehicle-related flood fatalities in the United States, totaling 561 fatalities over a 61-year study period. Vehicle-related flood death was the dominant type among all flood fatality circumstances in the U.S., reporting that more than half of flood-related deaths were caused by driving through floodwaters. Bell County was one of the nine counties in Texas that had more than ten vehicle-related flood fatalities over the 61-year study period.

Currently, police and public works personnel in Salado manually deploy barriers and warning signs when roadways flood. However, with no way to know a street is flooded without driving out to the site, lengthy delays occur due to a combination of distance and accessibility during flooding events. This delay potentially put lives and property at risk.

The upgrade of the South Ridge Road and Chisholm Trail low water crossings with automatic gates, real time cameras and advance warning lights allows these crossings to be closed to traffic much more quickly, thus potentially saving lives.

The budget for the project is \$150,000 and will fund two automatic gates, two real time cameras, two flood gauges and advance warning lights for the subject low water crossings in Salado. The project is expected to be completed within one (1) year of receiving funds.

Project Name: Bell County Drainage and Flood Study (*Potential County Project*)
Project Location: Bell County, Texas
Project Recipient: Bell County, Texas
Requested Amount: \$6.5

The *Bell County Drainage and Flood Study* is a project intended to help reduce the risk of flooding throughout Bell County, potentially saving lives and property.

Data from the study will be used to help guide regional flood prevention planning efforts. The study will identify future flood mitigation projects throughout Bell County and provide the information needed to help secure state and federal funding for such projects. Also, the study will produce updated FIRMs for Bell County and those municipalities located in Bell County.

The project budget is \$6.5 million. The study will take three years to complete upon receipt of funding.