



RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-115.01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM, TO DEVELOP A COMBINED ON-ROAD AND OFF-ROAD LANDSCAPE TRAIL FACILITY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS, AND OTHER NON-MOTORIZED FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG COLLEGE HILL STREET, PEDDLER'S ALLEY, SALADO CREEK, CENTER CIRCLE, AND ROYAL STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$346,254 WITH \$284,603 REIMBURSED TO THE VILLAGE THROUGH FEDERAL FUNDING; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has announced a matching funding program entitled "Transportation Alternatives Program;" and

WHEREAS, Eligible project types include, but are not limited to, the construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, construction of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users and construction of infrastructure-related projects to improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school; and

WHEREAS, The Trails Subcommittee recommends submission of a landscaped hike and bike trail and associated safety improvements project originating at College Hill, and running along Peddler's Alley, Salado Creek, Center Circle, and Royal Street for consideration with a total estimated construction and TxDOT administration cost of \$330,958 of which \$295,166 would be funded by the program; the Village matching funds being 20% (\$66,192 less in-kind); and

WHEREAS, If awarded, the Trails Subcommittee believes the proposed project will begin implementation of Salado's Trails Master Plan, and promote goals established in the Village's Comprehensive plan to: 1) explore alternatives to the automobile (e.g. hike and bike trails) and identify ways in which such alternatives can be accommodated within the existing and future transportation system; 2) explore transportation alternatives to the automobile (e.g., hike and bike trails) and identify ways in which such alternatives can be accommodated within the existing and future transportation system, this is especially needed in and around Downtown Salado, where the concentrated retail area is located; 3) establish a trail system that is capable of providing an alternative to the automobile throughout the Village, but especially in and around Downtown

Salado; this should be correlated with the Transportation Plan; 4) consideration should be given to connecting neighborhoods with walk/bike trails when streets are not practical; 5) a network of trails and pathways would enable the Village to expand upon several of its major assets, including Main Street, Salado Creek, and local historical sites, while providing recreation opportunities for residents and visitors; 6) increase accessibility to historic places that are significant to Salado's past to broaden the Village's attractions as a tourism destination; 7) apply for any applicable grants, such as those available from ISTEPA or Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and 8) ensure that as the Village experiences growth and development, its existing character and charm is maintained and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, The deadline for submission is May 4, 2015 and applications will be evaluated by TxDOT staff and the Transportation Alternatives Program Evaluation Committee, with recommendations going to the Texas Transportation Commission – notification of award is expected in the Fall of 2015 and construction is anticipated to begin Fall of 2016, if awarded; and

WHEREAS, Grant funding program guidelines provide a maximum reimbursement of 80%, with the Village providing a minimum of 20% cash match - if awarded the grant, the Village will provide a \$66,192 less in-kind cash match (20%); and

WHEREAS, Funding for the south Salado hike and bike trail improvements is available in Account No. 4770; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Salado supports funding this project as described in the TAP 2015 Nomination Form and supplemental information submitted to the department (including the construction budget, the department's 15% administrative cost, and the required local match); and

WHEREAS, The Village of Salado is willing to commit to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Salado is willing and able to enter into an advanced funding agreement with the department by resolution or ordinance should the project receive TAP funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, THAT:

Part 1: The Board of Aldermen authorizes submission of an application for funding through the Texas Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program in the amount of \$330,958 with \$295,166 reimbursed to the Village through federal funding, to develop a combined on-road and off-road landscaped trail facility for pedestrians and bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation and safety improvements.

Part 2: The trail will originate at College Hill Street, and generally run along Peddler's Alley, Salado Creek, Center Circle, College, and Royal Streets;

Part 3: The Village of Salado will contribute up to \$65,000 in local matching funds;

Part 4: The Mayor is authorized to execute any documents, which may be necessary to apply for this grant, and accept any funds that may be received for this grant.

Part 5: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

PASSED & APPROVED this, the 15th day of October, 2015, by a vote of

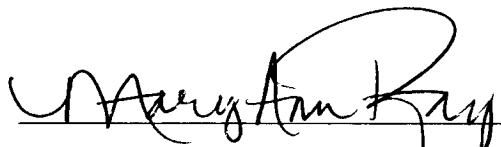
5 (ayes) to 0 (nays) to 0 (abstentions).

VILLAGE OF SALADO:



Skip Blancett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary



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