



RESOLUTION NO. R-2016-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF SALADO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM, TO DEVELOP AN OFF-ROAD TRAIL FACILITY FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, AND OTHER NON-MOTORIZED FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SALADO CREEK AND NEAR PACE PARK ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 WITH \$160,000 REIMBURSED TO THE VILLAGE THROUGH FEDERAL FUNDING; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, The Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization has announced a matching funding program entitled "Transportation Alternatives Program;" and

WHEREAS, Eligible project types include, but are not limited to, the construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation; construction, planning, and design 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 community improvement activities; and

WHEREAS, The Trails Subcommittee recommends submission of an off-road landscaped hike and bike trail and associated safety improvements project originating at the northeastern part of Pace Park running southwest along the creek to the southwestern end of Pace Park for consideration with a total estimated construction, engineering, surveying, other related costs of \$200,000 of which \$160,000 would be funded by the program; and the Village matching funds being 20% (\$40,000 less in-kind); and

WHEREAS, If awarded, the Trails Subcommittee and Board of Aldermen believe the proposed project will implement Salado's Hike and Bike 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 ISTEA 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 February 22, 2016, and applications will be evaluated and awarded by the Metropolitan Planning Organization in March 2016; 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 up to \$40,000 less in-kind match (20%); and

WHEREAS, Funding for the Salado hike and bike trail improvements is available in the General Fund account; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Salado supports funding this project as described in the grant announcement and supplemental information submitted to the department (including the construction budget, the department's 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 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 to the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program in the amount of \$200,000 with \$160,000 reimbursed to the Village through federal funding, to develop a combined off-road landscaped trail facility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation and safety improvements.

Part 2: The trail will originate at the northeastern part of Pace Park and Pace Park Road, generally run southwest along Salado Creek, and terminate near the southwestern end of Pace Park Road;

Part 3: The Village of Salado will contribute up to \$40,000 in local matching funds;

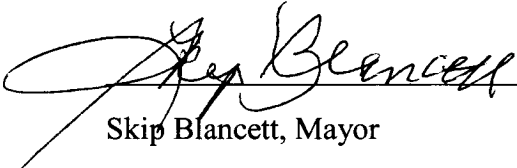
Part 4: The City Administrator is authorized to execute any documents, which may be necessary to apply for this grant, and accept any funds that may be received for this grant.

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.

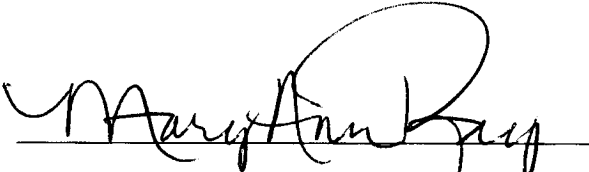
PASSED & APPROVED this, the 22nd day of February, 2016, by a vote of

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

VILLAGE OF SALADO:


Skip Blancett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Ann Ray, Village Secretary

