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Item No. 17.

AN ORDINANCE 2016-06-02-0399

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT FREIGHT AND HIGHWAY PROJECTS FASTLANE 16 GRANT AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD IN AN AMOUNT UP TO $5,417,604.77 FOR THE DESIGN OF THE ZARZAMORA STREET AT FRIO CITY ROAD RAILROAD OVERPASS.

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WHEREAS, the Zarzamora Street at Frio City Road Railroad Overpass Project is located in the west side of San Antonio's urban core and the transportation system in this area is the key lifeline for residential and commercial land uses, as well as being in the proximity of Port SA and the former military installation known as Kelly Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Zarzamora Road and Frio City Road is a five-legged intersection which is currently an illuminated four-to-six-lane road that crosses US HWY 90, UPRR tracks, as well as commercial and residential neighborhoods and experiences heavy congestion, especially during AM and PM peak, and sizeable traffic throughout the day; and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Railroad crossing carries on an average 25.96 trains within 24 hour period with an average wait time at the gates for traffic at the intersection is about 400 seconds (6 minutes and 40 seconds), thus building up a long queue on almost all five legs of the intersections for the turning motorists, waiting for the gates to open; and

WHEREAS, South San Antonio High school and two other elementary schools makes a congested situation for parents who drive their kids to school every day, especially in the morning rush hour; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio is highly focused on our designation as Vision Zero city and finding options to enhance safety for pedestrians/bicyclists and the Zarzamora Street at Frio City Road Railroad Overpass Project would be the largest project to date to improve infrastructure for all modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the total number of crashes have increased every year from 32 in 2012, to 43 in 2014 within this area of the five-legged intersection of S. Zarzamora/Frio City and Kirk Place; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance authorizes the submission of an application to the US Department of Transportation for the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects FASTLANE 16 Grant for the design of the Zarzamora Street at Frio City Road Railroad Overpass Project; and

WHEREAS, the City could be awarded approximately $5,417,604.77 in federal funds dedicated specifically to the design and environmental document the overpass project: the design could potentially include four 12-foot lanes (two in each direction) and 6-foot sidewalks on each side that would go over the UPRR tracks and allows drivers to avoid the Zarzamora at Frio City Road intersection; and the environmental work that would need to be done includes a Level II estimate, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, TCEQ permits, and Cultural Research for archeological assessment; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study was conducted by the City of San Antonio that identified many short-term solutions for the immediate needs, and highly recommended an overpass for this intersection. Strategic Multi-Modal Transportation Plan, SA Tomorrow, identified the Zarzamora corridor for improvements for the economic competitiveness, livability, safety and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, a grant award date has not been identified by US DOT, but staff will continue to monitor the updates provided by the agency and in the meantime this Project is currently being considered for the City of San Antonio's 2017 Bond Program and MPO Long Range Transportation Improvement Program funding; **NOW THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized to apply for grant applications to the US Department of Transportation for the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects FASTLANE 16 and accept funds in the amount up to $5,417,604.77 for the design of the Zarzamora Street at Frio City Road Railroad Overpass Project.

SECTION 2. Should funding be awarded, upon acceptance of this award, new funds and internal order numbers will be created, upon which the award amount not to exceed $5,417,604.77 will be appropriated in said funds. A final budget will include Internal Orders and GL Accounts will be submitted by the Transportation and Capital Improvements Department upon award.

SECTION 4. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by eight affirmative votes; otherwise it shall be effective on the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED and APPROVED this **2nd** day of **June 2016**.

M A Y O R
Ivy R. Taylor

ATTEST:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for

Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney

Agenda Item:	**17**
Date:	06/02/2016
Time:	10:24:09 AM
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve
Description:	An Ordinance authorizing the submission of a grant application and acceptance of funds upon award in an amount up to $5,417,604.77 to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects FASTLANE16 Grant for the design of the Zarzamora Street at Frio City Road Railroad Overpass in Council District 5. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Mike Frisbie, Director, Transportation & Capital Improvements]
Result:	Passed

Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Ivy R. Taylor	Mayor		x				
Roberto C. Treviño	District 1		x				
Alan Warrick	District 2		x				
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				x
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x			x	
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Cris Medina	District 7		x				
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				
Joe Krier	District 9		x				
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x				

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Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Project (NSFHP) Grant

City Council, A Session
June 2, 2016

Mike Frisbie, P.E.
Director/City Engineer

FASTLANE16 GRANT

- In March 2016, the U.S. Department of Transportation sent out notice for the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects NSFHP-16-FASTLANE16 Grant
- Applications were due on April 14th
- City submitted a Technical Application for Zarzamora Street at Frio City Road Railroad Overpass in Council District 5

Funding

Federal	Local	TOTAL
$5,417,605	$3,611,737	**$9,029,341**
60%	40%	100%

- FASTLANE16 grant provides 60% of funding for the project
- Grant will fund the environmental document, real estate, permits and design plans to make project shovel ready

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RECOMMENDATION

Approval for submission of Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects FASTLANE16 grant and acceptance of any awarded funds for the Zarzamora Street at Frio City Road Railroad Overpass in Council District 5.