



Legislation Text

File #: 24-5775, **Version:** 1

Department: County Engineer

Department Head/Elected Official: Milton Rahman, PhD, P.E., PMP, CFM, ENV SP, County Engineer

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Office of the County Engineer for approval to transfer the Navigation Blvd Reconfiguration Project, awarded through the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) Carry Over Spenddown process, from East End District to the Housing and Community Development Department for grants management for the project, in agreement with the County Engineer for implementation, in a total amount of \$10,473,166, including a 10% local match by Harris County Precinct 2.

Background and Discussion:

The Navigation Blvd Reconfiguration Project was funded through the H-GAC's Carry Over Spenddown process in December 2023. The project limits include Navigation Boulevard from Lockwood Drive to Mack Street. The proposed project will convert one travel lane in each direction to a dedicated bicycle and pedestrian route enhancing access to transit. On February 22, 2024, the East End District Board of Directors approved the transfer of the \$9,521,060 grant to Harris County for the execution of the Navigation Boulevard Reconfiguration Project. Harris County Housing and Community Development Department's Office of Transit Services Division as the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) designated recipient will oversee the management and administration of the grant funds, adhering to FTA requirements and ensuring compliance with wage-related regulations as monitored by the Department of Economic Equity and Employment Opportunity (DEEO). An interdepartmental agreement between Housing and Community Development Department and the Office of the County Engineer will detail the FTA compliance and contracting duties for both entities. The implementation of the project will be conducted by the Office of the County Engineer.

Grant funds will be disbursed to cover eligible project costs after all related expenses have been initially paid with County funds. The Harris County Engineering Department will be responsible for the construction and procurement activities according to FTA standards. Harris County Precinct 2 will be accountable for any cost overruns.

Expected Impact:

Implementation of the Navigation Blvd Reconfiguration Project and increased bicycle and pedestrian access.

Alternative Options:

If the project is not transferred to requested parties, the project may be fully funded through local resources.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- X Justice and Safety
- X Economic Opportunity
- _ Housing
- _ Public Health
- X Transportation
- _ Flooding
- X Environment
- _ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any): N/A

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
N/A	N/A	

Location:

Address (if applicable): The limits include Navigation Boulevard from Lockwood to Mack Street

Precinct(s): Precinct 2

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	H-GAC Carry Over Balance Spend Down Process			
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Grant	\$	\$9,521,060	\$9,521,060	\$
Other, PCT2-1070 Mobility Fur	\$	\$952,106	\$952,106	\$

Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$ 10,473,166	\$ 10,473,166	\$
Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
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Total Additional Budget Rec	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$	\$10,473,166	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for S	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Reques	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: September 19, 2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): N/A

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Precinct 2 Letter of Support, Resolution of East End District to transfer sponsorship to Harris County, Resolution of Harris County for the Navigation Blvd Reconfiguration Project, Executed BBE Tri-Party Agreement