

MEMORANDUM

TO: Claire Powell, City Manager

FROM: Richard E. Luedke, AICP, Planning Director

DATE: June 16, 2025

SUBJECT: **Approval of a Resolution of the Lewisville City Council Supporting the City of Lewisville's Application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Call for Projects to Include Pedestrian Improvements Along State Highway 121 Business, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,200,000 and Authorizing the City Manager or Her Designee to Execute All Documents Relating Thereto; And Providing an Effective Date.**

BACKGROUND:

The City Council adopted the Business 121 Corridor Plan on January 27, 2025. One of the main goals was to enhance the pedestrian experience along Business 121. The Texas Department of Transportation recently opened a call for projects focused on alternative transportation, such as pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

ANALYSIS:

The City of Lewisville is submitting a large project proposal for approximately \$5.18 million dollars for engineering and construction of eight-foot-wide sidewalks along the northwest side of the corridor where sidewalks are missing or substandard and constructing six-foot-wide sidewalks on the southeast side of the corridor where sidewalks are missing or substandard. An eight-foot width was recommended where feasible in the Business 121 Corridor Plan. In addition, high-visibility cross walk striping and improved pedestrian crossings will be installed through the corridor at street intersections. These improvements at street intersections will comply with current accessibility standards. The improvements to the sidewalks and intersections will be between Valley Ridge Parkway and Forestbrook Drive. As engineering costs are still being estimated, the resolution was written not to exceed \$5.2 million, but staff anticipates a project cost of approximately \$5.18 million.

A 20% local match is required. Half of the funds needed for the local match is available in the capital improvement project for Business 121 plan implementation. The remaining half of the local match will be requested with the 2025-2026 budget. Should the project be selected for funding, the City will have three years to design and break ground on the improvements. All cost overruns or escalation will be the responsibility of the City. Should the grant application be unsuccessful, the funds being reserved for the match will be used for engineering design for the project. Having the engineering design complete will make future grant opportunities more competitive.

CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the resolution as set forth in the caption above.