

City of Fort Worth, Texas
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Recovery Plan

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The City of Fort Worth (COFW) has identified priority projects to be funded by the Revenue Recovery Provision provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Several capital improvement projects in the Transportation Public Works Department, deferred and suspended due to the loss of revenue as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, have been reinstated. The City will use ARPA dollars to provide necessary funding for a pedestrian safety and intersection improvement project at the Basswood Blvd & Old Santa Fe Trail intersection to enhance services provided to citizens and the community.

Uses of Funds- EC1, Public Health

Expenditure Category: 2.22-Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

The design of this project has been completed, and construction is 95% complete. The Task Order for construction was issued in October 2024.

The scope of work to be provided with a cost of \$1 million includes the following:

Implementing safety improvements at the Basswood Blvd & Old Santa Fe Trail intersection, including new traffic signals, accessible pedestrian signals, adjusted nose median geometry for improved left turns, ADA-compliant sidewalks and curb ramps, updated signing and striping for signal control and crosswalks, and drainage improvements along Basswood Blvd just east of the southeast corner.

Promoting equitable outcomes

As a part of this project, the City of Fort Worth is planning to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety for the people along Basswood Blvd & Old Santa Fe Trail.

- a. **Goals:** The improvements will include improving traffic flow at the intersection during peak hours, reducing delays, and improving overall safety for all users. Also, improving pedestrian safety at the intersection by installing pedestrian-actuated signals with push buttons. Improve pedestrian access elements, such as ADA ADA-compliant curb ramp.
- b. **Awareness:** The Transportation and Public Works Department has conducted multiple public outreach sessions to promote awareness among the residents.
- c. **Access and Distribution:** The improvements will be accessible and beneficial for all the roadway users along the intersection. They will also improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians of all groups. They will also improve businesses with much safer accessibility.
- d. **Outcomes:** This project will improve the level of service for vehicular traffic along the intersection and increase safety for pedestrians and all roadway users.

Community Engagement

The City of Fort Worth, TPW, has performed multiple public engagement meetings and methods

to keep the community informed and aware of the upcoming improvements. The City conducted a public meeting before finalizing the scope of the project. This meeting allowed residents an opportunity to provide input and feedback on the proposed improvements. It also gave a chance to raise any further concerns that residents might have about the intersection.

The City created a website for the Basswood Blvd & Old Santa Fe Trail project that includes elements like details of scope, an opportunity to provide surveys/feedback and comments, and prioritization of the elements that the community wants to see as a part of this project. The website has been updated periodically to provide the latest updates about the project.

The City conducted community meetings during the design phase to inform residents about the progress of the project and address any concerns that they had. The residents were informed about these meetings by a mailer with both English and Spanish language on it. The City also had Spanish-speaking personnel for the community meetings to engage limited English language proficient populations and other traditionally underserved groups.

Labor Practices

In compliance with other federal regulations, notice of projects will be posted, as well as any available job opportunities. Design and construction contracts were executed and included language regarding hiring practices, wages, etc.

We hired local engineers and local contractors for the project. The engineering firm and contractor met City requirements for the Minority/Women Business Equity goal for the project. This will provide jobs to minority and women business enterprises, giving them a chance to improve the community.

The engineering firm was selected from a list of pre-qualified firms for intersection/pedestrian safety improvement types of projects for effective and efficient delivery of this project. The contractor has experience with these types of projects.

Use of Evidence

In June 2019, a citizen requested the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection in question. Since that time, the City has received more than six additional requests from other residents with the same concern. In response, a traffic signal warrant study was conducted in February 2020 to assess the need for signalization based on standardized guidelines. The results of the study revealed that the intersection met three separate warrants, validating the need for a traffic signal based on factors such as traffic volumes, pedestrian activity, and crash history.

The City will monitor the crashes and operations of the intersection after the construction is complete to measure the efficiency of the project.

Performance Report

The City has already hired an engineering firm to complete the design of the project. A survey was done as part of the contract to complete the traffic analysis and back up the scope of the project. The City conducted community outreach to get residents' support for the scope of the project. The design of the project is complete, and construction is 95% complete.

The City, along with the contractor, has monitored the safety and operations during construction. The City's inspectors have supervised the construction and made sure the contractor complies with the regulations.

City's Transportation Management department will be monitoring the safety and operations of the intersection after the construction is complete. The performance will be evaluated based on the reduction in delays at the intersection and the reduction in the number of crashes.