

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 improvement project along the Grand Ave Corridor 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. Two task orders were issued from the unit price construction contract on December 3, 2024, and March 3, 2025. Construction has begun and is substantially complete.

The scope of work, with a cost of \$1,131,999.34, includes the following:

- Implementing safety measures along the Grand Ave Corridor, such as constructing driveway closures and relocations, sidewalks/pathways, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and installing new striping.

Promoting equitable outcomes

As a part of this project, the City of Fort Worth is improving pedestrian and vehicular safety for the people along the Grand Avenue corridor.

- a. Goals: The section on Grand Ave considered for this project comes under the City of Fort Worth's Super Major Minority Area (SMMA). This project will serve the underserved community.
- 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 corridor. 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 corridor and increase safety for pedestrians and all roadway users.

Community Engagement

The City of Fort Worth, TPW, has performed multiple public engagement meetings and TPW Grand Ave Sidewalk 2025 Recovery Plan Performance Report

methods to keep the community informed and aware of the upcoming improvements. The City conducted a public open-house style 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 along the corridor.

The City created a website for the Grand Ave Corridor 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.

We hired local engineers and local contractors for the project. The engineering/contracting firms met the City's requirement for the Minority/Women Business Equity goal for the project. This provided 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.

Use of Evidence

In the sidewalk selection process for funding under the 2022 Bond Program, we used a range of criteria that prioritized community need, safety, and access. Our process was guided in part by the 2019 Active Transportation Plan (ATP), which identified over 7,000 sidewalk gaps across the city valued at over \$3 billion at the time. Given these, we selected the gaps that required the most attention and addressed important community priorities. Key criteria included proximity to schools, any history of reported injuries or accidents, and whether the segment provided direct access to transit stops. We also considered observed pedestrian activity to ensure sidewalks were being constructed where people are already walking. This layered approach helped us maximize the public benefit of limited resources by focusing on safety and mobility for vulnerable road users. The selected projects not only close critical gaps in the network but also enhance walkability and improve connections to essential services, particularly in underserved neighborhoods.

The scope of this project was finalized after intensive study and analysis of the corridor. This section of the neighborhood did not have safe pedestrian access, and in 2021, there was a reported fatality. The roadway is classified as a Neighborhood Connector with a speed limit of

35 mph. The Fort Worth Active Transportation Plan identified sections of the sidewalks along this roadway as high-priority gaps to be addressed.

Performance Report

The City hired an engineering firm to complete the design of the project. A survey was done as part of the contract to complete the scope of the project. The City also conducted community outreach to get residents' support for the scope of the project. The design of the project has been completed, and construction is substantially complete.

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

City's Transportation Management department will be monitoring the safety and operations of the corridor after the construction is complete. The performance will be evaluated based on the reduction in the number of accidents and injuries.