

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2012

A RESOLUTION BY THE ABILENE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS, IF AWARDED.

WHEREAS, The Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program is federally funded through the Surface Transportation Program, administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT); and

WHEREAS, The Federal Texas Transportation Enhancement Program offers funding opportunities to help expand transportation choices and enhance the transportation experience; and

WHEREAS, The program offers funding for non-traditional activities which include pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and safety programs, scenic and historic highway programs, landscaping and scenic beautification, historic preservation, and environmental mitigation; and

WHEREAS, Projects funded by the Transportation Enhancement Program must meet standards established under the National Environmental Policy (NEPA); American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO); Federal Uniform Relocation Act; and current applicable accessibility standards including all state and federal standards; and

WHEREAS, Any projects funded by the Transportation Enhancement Program should go above and beyond standard transportation activities and should be integrated into the surrounding environment in a sensitive and creative manner that contributes to the livelihood of the communities, promotes the quality of our environment, and enhances the aesthetics of our roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF ABILENE, TEXAS, unequivocally supports the submission of the application and the execution of the contracts with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the Transportation Enhancement Program for the South 11th Street Transportation Alternatives Project, AND:

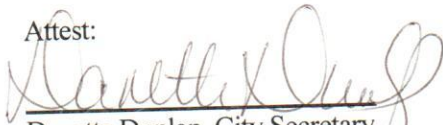
- That the City Manager is authorized to act on behalf of the City of Abilene in all matters related to the application and any subsequent activities associated with the application that may result, including but not limited to submission of the Transportation Enhancement application, acceptance of the funds if awarded, and execution of all documents.
- That the City of Abilene supports funding this project as shown in the nomination budget of a local match of \$236,555 for a total project cost of \$1,182,775 and commits to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing.

- That the City of Abilene is willing and able to enter into an agreement with TxDOT by resolution or ordinance should the project receive funding.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED ON THIS 15th day of November, 2012.

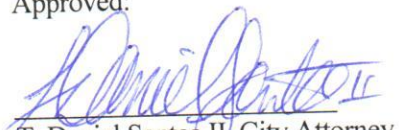
THE CITY OF ABILENE

Attest:


Danette Dunlap, City Secretary


Norm Archibald, Mayor

Approved:


T. Daniel Santee II, City Attorney