

Memo



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Date: May 23, 2019
Re: Clear Creek Trail – Advance Funding Agreement

5/23/2019
To: Mayor and City Council members
AFA with TxDOT finally received back to continue moving forward for connection to planned and existing trail around Clear Creek, UHCL, etc. (good map on page four here). Clay

Purpose

This memo provides information about the progress of the Clear Creek Trail (Trail) project's status. The Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City has now been finalized and will be presented to Council for approval on the June 10, 2019 meeting agenda.

Background

In 2015, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) selected the Clear Creek Trail project application for funding in its Call for Projects under the TAP. In 2017, TxDOT requested that design of this project be accelerated to fiscal year (FY) 2019 from its original design start in FY 2021. TxDOT then sent the draft AFA to City staff in November 2017 for review and comment. Staff responded with comments and suggested edits to the draft later that month. Subsequently, the Texas Transportation Commission, in Minute Order 115291 dated August 30, 2018, awarded funding for the projects included in the 2015 TAP Call for Projects including the Clear Creek Trail project. In October 2018, TxDOT requested revisions to submitted documents and sent its first responses to staff comments. The revised documents were then resubmitted to TxDOT. Finally in April 2019, TxDOT sent the final AFA to the City. Staff have reviewed and agreed to this version and will be requesting Council approval of the AFA on the June 10, 2019 meeting agenda.

Staff is currently advertising a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified teams capable of designing this project utilizing TxDOT standards. SOQs will be accepted until May 23, 2019, at which time staff will begin the process of evaluating all submissions using established standards and methods. Interviews will be held with those firms who are short-listed. Contract scope and price will be negotiated with the best qualified and overall responsive candidate. Once negotiated and drafted, the contract will be submitted to TxDOT for review and approval. When all comments have been addressed, Staff will then bring the final design contract to Council for consideration of approval and execution by the City Manager.

Scope

The AFA defines the scope of work, the City's and TxDOT's responsibilities, and sources of funding. The project consists of the design and construction of approximately 12,400 linear feet of ten-foot wide concrete bicycle and pedestrian off-road trail that will run along the east bank of Clear Creek from the existing developer built trail north to connect into El Franco Lee Park, cross Clear Creek via pedestrian bridge to the west bank and continue north then east under the Pearland Parkway Bridge, then turn south along the west side of Pearland Parkway, terminating at the University of Houston Clear Lake – Pearland Campus. Design responsibilities will include survey, geotechnical investigation, environmental clearance, coordination with authorities having jurisdiction over lands and waterways within the project limits, securing appropriate permission/permits, bid phase services, and limited construction phase services. The Trail will include San Jacinto-themed historical points of interest signage. This project is an extension of the Trail Master Plan and is intended to tie in to existing and future segments to provide a safe off-street alternative transportation route for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Budget Info

This project is eligible for up to 80% reimbursement from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for design and construction. TxDOT will charge the project for its direct and indirect oversight costs (plan review, project administration, and oversight), with the City's first payment of \$16,000 due within 30 days from execution of the AFA. An additional payment of \$129,568 is due 60 days prior to advertisement of the construction contract. Reimbursement does not include environmental assessment and mitigation, right-of-way (ROW) mapping and acquisition, relocation of utilities, or trail amenities.

Funding Sources	Series	To Date	Future	Total Budget
General Revenue - Cash				-
Certificates of Obligation			3,113,600	3,113,600
Certificates of Obligation				-
General Obligation Bonds				-
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W/S Revenue Bonds				-
Other Funding Sources (TIP Funds)			7,266,400	7,266,400
Other Funding Sources			320,000	320,000
Total Funding Sources		-	10,700,000	10,700,000

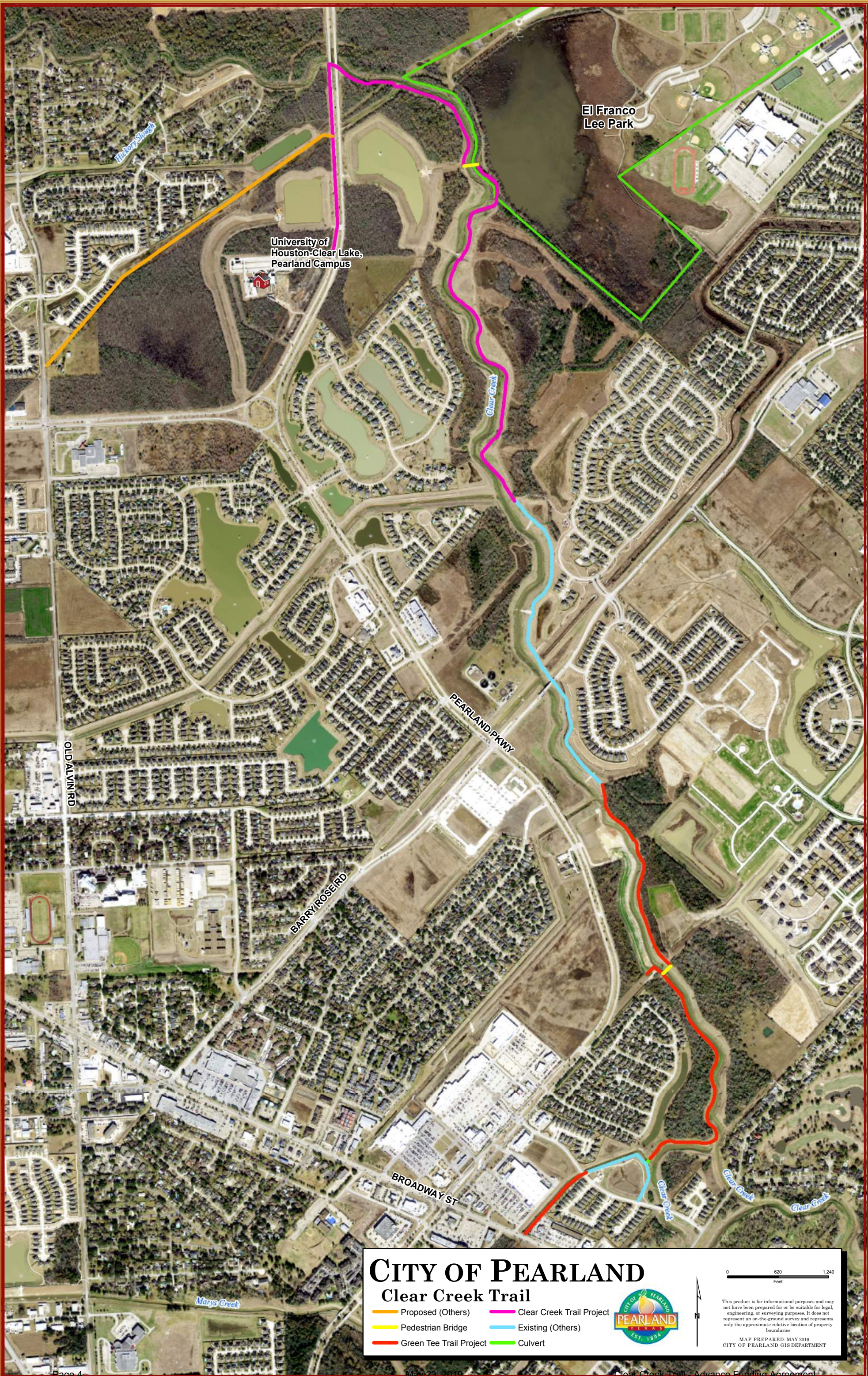
Expenditures	To Date	Future	Total
PER			-
Land		250,000	250,000
Design		850,000	850,000
Construction		8,100,000	8,100,000
Construction Management/Inspection			-
Construction Materials Testing			-
FF&E			-
Total Expenditures	-	9,200,000	9,200,000

Project Balance/Contingency	1,500,000
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Schedule Info

	Base Line	Current
Design Start	Aug-19	
Bid Start	Sep-20	
Construction Start	Jan-21	
Construction Completion	Mar-22	

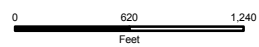
Rain Days: N/A



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Clear Creek Trail

- Proposed (Others)
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Green Tee Trail Project
- Clear Creek Trail Project
- Existing (Others)
- Culvert



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MAP PREPARED: MAY 2019
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