

## Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Board of Directors

May 13, 2025

Andrés Rentería, Chair Horizon City Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Horizon City, Texas

Tomas Trevino, P.E., District Engineer Texas Department of Transportation El Paso District

## Dear Mr. Trevino:

I write in support of the Town of Horizon City's application for Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program funding for the Howard Lowe Avenue Pedestrian Mall Project. This project will transform an unpaved, 550-foot segment of Howard Lowe Avenue between Horizon Boulevard (FM 1281) and Pawling Drive into a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly corridor that enhances multimodal connectivity and public space. The proposed improvements, including vendor stalls, shaded seating, bicycle infrastructure, and pedestrian crossings, will create a dynamic gathering space that supports economic activity and community engagement. Additionally, this project aligns with the Town's broader vision for a transit-supported town center and multimodal improvements along Horizon Boulevard and Rodman Avenue.

The Horizon City Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Board enthusiastically supports projects that provide connectivity for our residents and businesses. Further, the proposed Howard Lowe Pedestrian Mall will provide a pedestrian connection from Horizon Boulevard, and the Town's planned Transit Oriented Development north of Horizon Blvd. to the EDC's investment on Pawling and Oxbow Drives, where an office park is under construction. These investments, both public and private enhance the Town and the TIRZ Board's vision to create a vibrant Town Center.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please reach out to Elvia Schuller, Board Secretary at <u>eschuller@horizoncity.org</u> with any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrés Rentería, Chairman Horizon City Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1