



**TOWN OF HORIZON CITY
MEMORANDUM**

Date: October 10, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Teresa Quezada, CIP Manager

SUBJECT: **Discussion and Action: On a Resolution authorizing staff to submit a TA grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation for the design and construction of a pedestrian mall on Howard Lowe.**

The attached resolution expresses the City Council's support for the submission of an application to use federal Transportation Alternative Funding available through the Texas Department of Transportation to fund the design and construction of a pedestrian mall at the Howard Lowe right-of-way.

The project application will go through a competitive selection process at the state level and, if selected, will be recommended to the Texas Transportation Commission for funding. If selected, the project will then be added to the MPO's planning documents. Once the project becomes part of the planning documents, the City would enter into a Local Advanced Project Funding Agreement (LPAFA) to establish the duties and responsibilities of the Town and the Texas Department of Transportation to execute the project.

This resolution is intended to document the City Council's support and commitment to sponsor the project and fund the match as well as any cost overruns on the project.

The Howard Lowe Pedestrian Mall will provide pedestrian and bicycle connections south of the City's planned transit oriented development and will preserve the existing utility infrastructure on an unimproved right-of-way while providing access to neighboring properties. The City's CIP team, working with the CRRMA and their team of consultants will finalize scope and estimates for the project and complete the final application due to TXDOT by June 20, 2025.

Preliminarily, the project is eligible for *transportation development credits*. If their use is confirmed, the credits would cover the City's required 20% match. The initial estimate for the project is approximately \$2.6 million.

Staff recommends approval of the resolution and authorization to submit the project application.