



## Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 Board of Directors

### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 9, 2025  
**To:** Honorable TIRZ Board of Directors  
**From:** Teresa Quezada, CIP Manager *[Signature]*  
**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Action on a letter of support for the Town of Horizon city's TA application for the Howard Lowe Ave. Pedestrian Mall

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#### Background

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) periodically issues calls for Transportation Alternative (TA) projects. Candidate projects must provide alternative modes of transportation within a community and ideally connect existing facilities for bicyclists, pedestrians and mass transit users. The 2025 fiscal year call for projects was issued early in 2025 and provided a two-step application process. Horizon City submitted the Howard Lowe Ave. Pedestrian Mall during the initial application process and was notified in April 2025 that the project was eligible to proceed to the second step of the process. The second application step is to refine the project budget, finalize a detailed application with a project budget, and submit evidence of community support for the project.

#### Project Description

The Howard Lowe Ave. Pedestrian Mall proposes to utilize approximately 550 linear feet of right-of-way east of the N. Darrington Rd. and Horizon Blvd. intersection to provide safe and attractive pedestrian and bicycle access between Horizon Blvd. and the recently improved Pawling Dr. The City envisions that this space will serve not only as access but can also serve to accommodate food trucks. The pedestrian mall will be an attractive connection to the upcoming Rodman shared use path along Rodman St. north of Horizon Blvd., and will provide additional pedestrian and bicycle amenities adjacent to the Transit Oriented Development zone and to new office development in the area.

Maintaining the right-of-way for public and connectivity also preserves space for the utilities that are currently utilizing the unimproved right-of-way.

The project is located within the TIRZ and complements the program of work developed for the Zone.

The project is part of the Town's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

#### Requested Action

Staff requests the TIRZ Board authorize the chair of the board to sign the attached letter of support.

#### Fiscal Impact

No negative fiscal impact is anticipated from the requested Board action. The Town of Horizon City, as the project sponsor at the April 8, 2025, Council meeting accepted the responsibilities of the project sponsor.

Attachment as indicated