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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 4:00 PM

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## Agenda

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

#### Committee Members

Kim Fernea, Chair  
Becky Atkins  
Robert Avera  
Rex Baker  
Russell Collins  
Melanie Fenelon  
Whit Hanks  
Susan Kimball  
John Kroll  
Taline Manassian  
Keenan Smith  
Jeff Nydegger (Advisory Member)

#### Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials

City Administrator Michelle Fischer  
Public Works Director Aaron Reed  
Transportation Consultant Leslie Pollack

### AGENDA

- 1. Presentation and discussion regarding the Old Fitzhugh Road Project.**
- 2. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of Support regarding the Old Fitzhugh Road Transportation Alternatives Project.**
- 3. City Council Monthly Report**  
*Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian*
- 4. Chamber of Commerce Report**  
*Committee Member Susan Kimball*
- 5. Community Activities Report**
- 6. Dripping Springs ISD Report**  
*Committee Member Tiffany Duncan*
- 7. Emergency Services District Report**  
*Committee Advisory Member Robert Avera*

**8. TIRZ Projects Report**

*Committee Members Dave Edwards and Keenan Smith*

**9. Tour of 150 Hart Lane, Dripping Springs, Texas regarding the Bama Brown attainable housing project.**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Economic Development Committee Meetings**

April 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

May 24, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

June 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

**City Council Meetings**

May 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

May 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

June 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

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# Old Fitzhugh Road

Project Status Updates

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# Project History to Date Item 1.

- Concept Plan Stakeholder Input - **2017-2018**
- Concept Plan Development / Approval – **2018**
- Budget Requests & Grant Writing – **2019-2021**
- Engineering Firm Search & Contracting - **2021**
- Engineering Plans Start – **February 2022**
- Engineering 30% Plans – **September 2022**
- Stakeholder Outreach – **January – March 2023**
- Engineering 60% Plans – In progress - **Complete Spring / Summer 2023**

# Stakeholder Input

## Top Three Priorities

1. Sidewalks and Trails
2. Traffic Calming
3. Parking

## Project Challenges / Issues

- Drainage & Runoff
- Street Conditions & Narrow Right of Way
- Lighting
- Preserve Historic Character
- Preserve Trees
- Encourage Local Shops

EXPOSED AGGREGATE



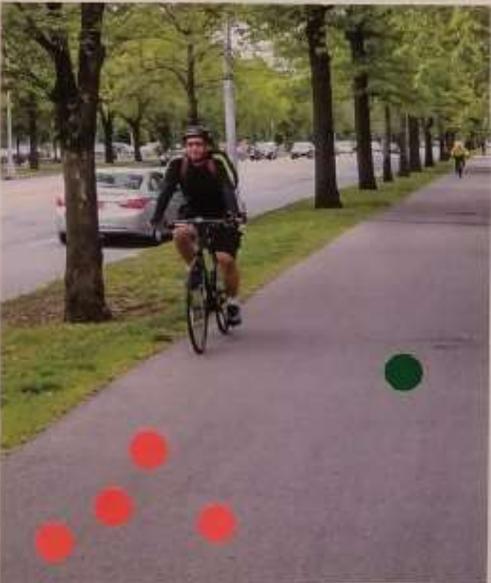
PERVIOUS PAVERS



DECOMPOSED GRANITE

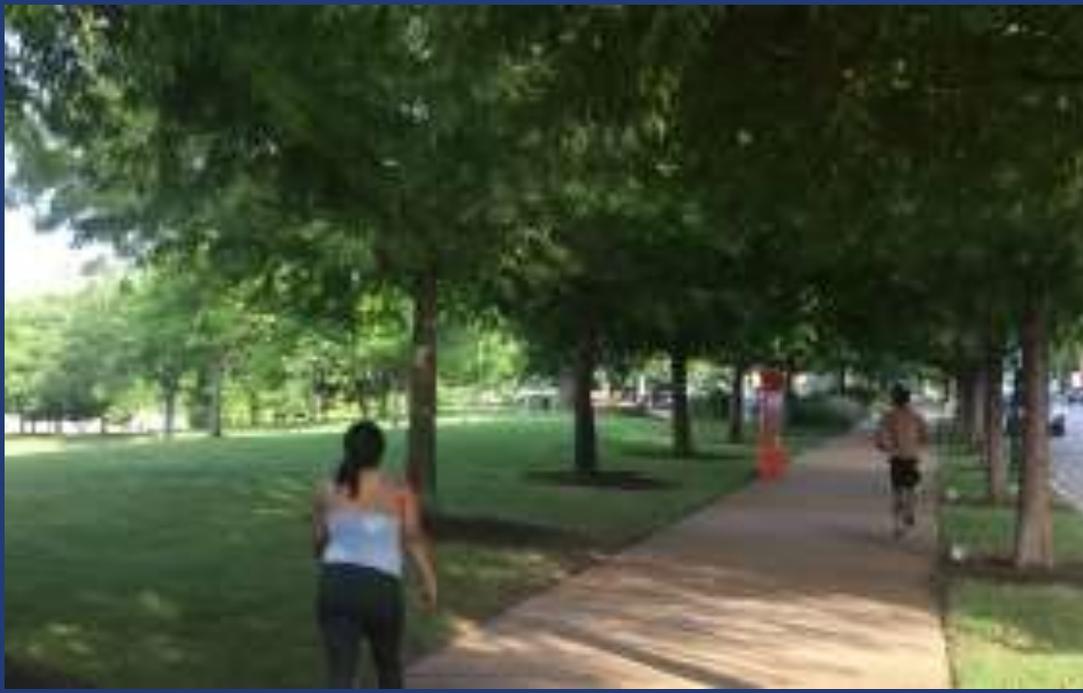


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# Design Elements

Item 1.



- Street Reconstruction (shifted to East)
- Shared Use Path (8' wide - West side)
- Curb & Gutter on West (Drainage)
- Ribbon Curb on East
- Traffic Calming
- On-Street Parking (17 spaces)
- Lighting at Activity Nodes
- Landscaping / Trees
- Utility Relocations / Adjustments

# Design Challenges

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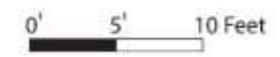
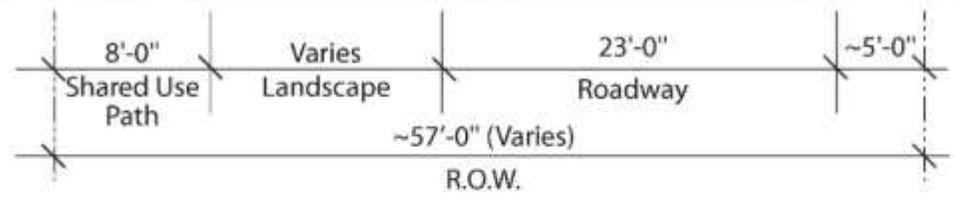


- Maintain Historic Character
- Narrow Right of Way
  - Fitting Roadway, Trail, Parking, Drainage
- Drainage Easements Required
  - Two offsite drainageways and basins
  - 3 impacted property owners
  - Right-of-Way Clean Up
- ROW Acquisition
  - 3 impacted parcels
- Utility **Adjustments &** Relocations
  - Pedernales Electric Cooperative
  - Frontier
  - Dripping Springs Water Supply
  - Dripping Springs Wastewater

# Typical Section

Item 1.

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SECTION CONDITION 2: TYPICAL WITHOUT PARKING (LOOKING NORTH)

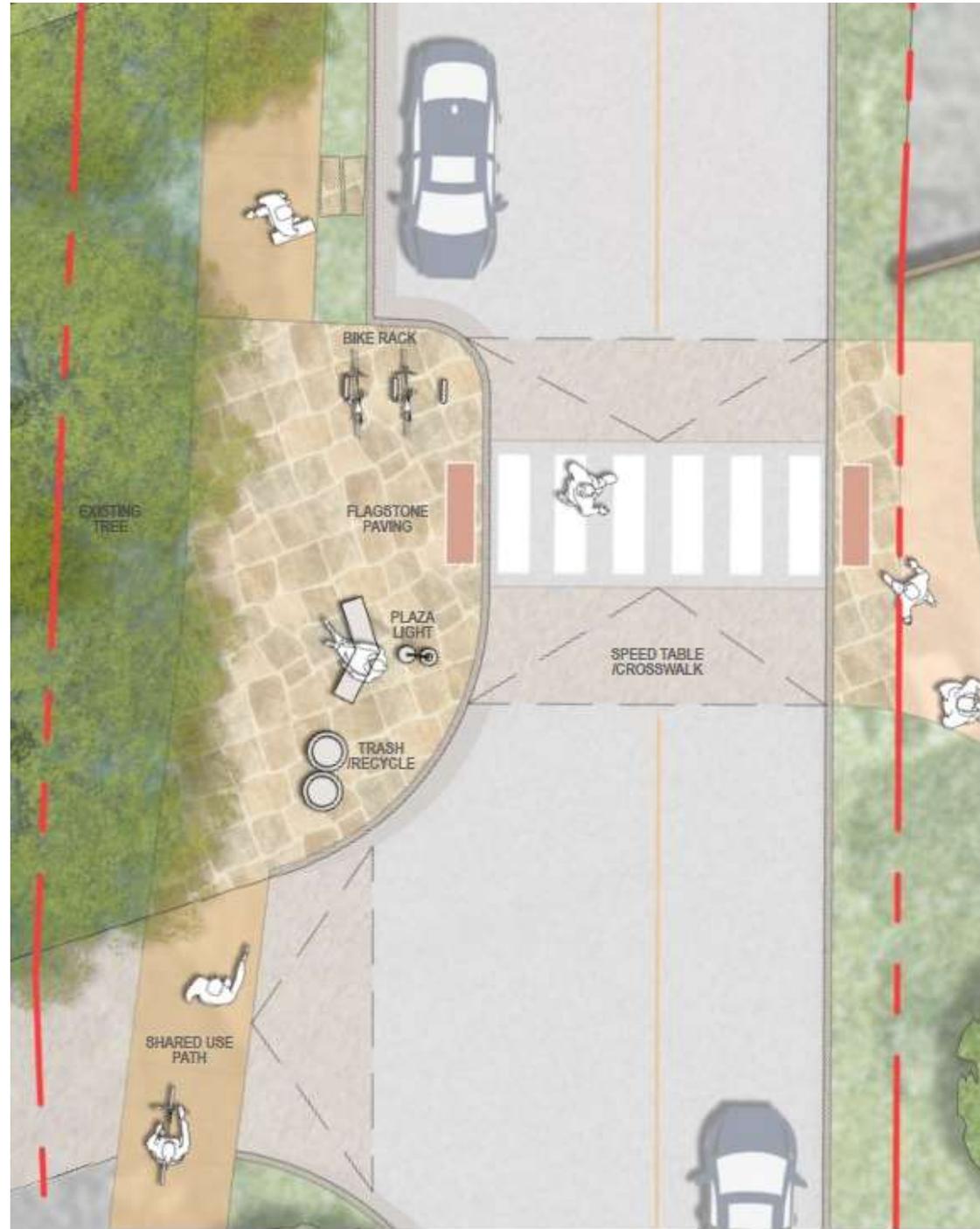


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# Pedestrian Amenities / Activity Node

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# Engineering: 30% Design Plans - Complete

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**CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

**CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR  
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD FITZHUGH ROAD**

NET LENGTH OF PROJECT = 3,300 FEET = 0.625 MILES

**HAYS COUNTY**

FROM MERCER STREET  
TO RR 12

FOR THE RECONSTRUCTING OF THE ROADWAY AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF GRADING, BASE, ASPHALT, DRAINAGE, PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES, ILLUMINATION, LANDSCAPING, LIMITED ON-STREET PARKING, PAVEMENT MARKING, AND EROSION CONTROL.

**DESIGN SPEED**  
OLD FITZHUGH 30 MPH

DATE	SHEET	JOB	ROWWAY
8/12/2022	0	XXX	RR 12
DATE	QUANTITY	SHEET NO.	
AUG	HAYS	1	

Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) Inspection Required

TDLR No. EABPRJ \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION MAP NOT TO SCALE

EXCEPTIONS: NONE  
EQUATIONS: NONE  
RAILROAD CROSSINGS: NONE

**HDR** HDR Engineering, Inc.  
710 Heston Crossing Suite 150  
Round Rock, TX 78681  
Pfm No. F-7541

**PRELIMINARY-FOR INFORMATION ONLY**  
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Supervised By: LESLIE D. POLLACK  
P.E. Serial No. 101288  
Date: 8/12/2022

FILED: 8/12/2022 4:40:09 PM

SPECIFICATIONS ADOPTED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON NOVEMBER 1, 2014, EXCLUDING ITEMS 1-9, SHALL GOVERN ON THIS PROJECT.

SUBMITTED FOR LETTING: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

SUBMITTED FOR LETTING: \_\_\_\_\_

AREA ENGINEER

CONSULTANT: \_\_\_\_\_

HDR ENGINEERING, INC. ITSPS FORM REG. F-1941

RECOMMENDED FOR LETTING: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT DESIGN ENGINEER

APPROVED FOR LETTING: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



# 30% Design - Project Plan Rendering





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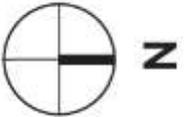
# 30% Plans- Design Rendering





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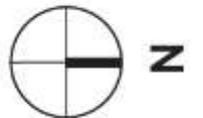
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# Project Funding

- Project Costs and Estimates
  - Engineering Plans (\$712K- per Agreement)
  - Construction Cost (\$6.4M – Current Estimate)
- Committed Funding
  - Engineering Plans – by TIRZ (\$602K- FY’22-23)
  - Hays County Parks & Open Space Bond pledge – Trail Portions (\$1.3M)
- Prospective Funding
  - Grants – CAMPO / TXDOT (’23 pursuits)
  - Finish Engineering Plans – by TIRZ (\$110K- FY ’24)
  - Construction (\$5.1M Plan of Finance- TBD FY’24)

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# Moving Forward

- Key Stakeholder Coordination – Ongoing
- Boards and Commissions – Project Update
  - TIRZ Board Meeting 01/09/23
  - Historic Preservation Meeting 02/02/23
  - Planning and Zoning Commission 02/15/23
  - City Council 02/21/23
  - Transportation Committee 02/27/23
- Public Engagement
  - Online content available - March 2023
  - Public Meeting - March 2023
- Engineering Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PSE's)
  - 60-90% Plans- Q3 - Q4 '23 (funding committed)
  - Bidding & Contract Award (Q1 '24 funding dependent)
- Project Construction- Q2 – Q4 '24 (funding dependent)

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**Thank You  
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**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
**PO Box 384**  
**511 Mercer Street**  
**Dripping Springs, TX 78602**

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**Submitted By:** Aaron Reed, Public Works Director

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**Meeting Date:** March 22, 2023

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of Support regarding the Old Fitzhugh Road Transportation Alternatives Project.**

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Aaron Reed, Public Works Director

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**Summary/Background:** City staff submitted a preliminary application for the 2023 TxDOT TASA call for projects for construction of an 8' concrete sidewalk, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and curb and gutter on the west side of Old Fitzhugh Road between Mercer Street and RM 12 (~3,200 LF). The project includes five speed tables with raised crosswalks and safety lighting. Bicycle racks are provided at five locations on the corridor. The project addresses pedestrian safety and connectivity issues between Downtown Dripping Springs and the Mercer Street Historic District. These improvements are part of the Old Fitzhugh Road Project currently being designed. If the project is deemed eligible for funding by TxDOT, City staff will prepare the detailed application. City staff would like to request a Resolution of support from the Economic Development Committee as this project would decrease traffic on City streets, provide safe, ADA compliant routes for pedestrians, and encourage economic development in the area.

**Commission Recommendations:** Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

**Attachments:** TASA Resolution of Support

**Next Steps/Schedule:** Send to City Secretary for execution.

**CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

**RESOLUTION No. EDC2023-R01**

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (“EDC”) OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS (“CITY”) FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CREATION OF PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST TRAIL CONNECTIONS FROM MERCER ST TO RR-12 ALONG OLD FITZHUGH RD.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dripping Springs Economic Development Committee (“EDC”) is aware of the lack of pedestrian/ cyclist trails or sidewalks along Old Fitzhugh Road from Mercer St. to Ranch Road 12 (Area); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to make the Area safe for pedestrians and cyclists, including all residents, visitors, and ADA (Americans with Disabilities) pedestrians; significant work must be done to create ADA pathways; and

**WHEREAS**, funding from the 2023 TxDOT TASA Program would afford the construction of several, needed improvements within the Area slated as: Construction of an 8' concrete sidewalk, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and curb and gutter on the west side of Old Fitzhugh Road between Mercer Street and RM 12 (~3,200 LF). The project includes five speed tables with raised crosswalks and safety lighting. Bicycle racks are provided at five locations on the corridor. The project addresses pedestrian safety and connectivity issues between Downtown Dripping Springs and the Mercer Street Historic District.; and

**WHEREAS**, with the constant flow of commercial vehicles and cars, it is extremely dangerous for pedestrians to traverse the Area without a safe route; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDC believes funding under the 2023 TxDOT TASA Program for the improvement and enhancement of a shared pathway in the Area would provide safety for the City’s residents and patrons alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will encourage economic development in the Old Fitzhugh Road and Mercer Street areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS:**

1. The Dripping Springs Economic Development Committee supports the safe travel of all residents and patrons of the City.
2. The Dripping Springs Economic Development Committee supports submission of the application for funding under the 2023 TxDOT TASA Program to create a shared

pedestrian/cyclist pathway of various parts on the west side of Old Fitzhugh Road from Mercer St. to Ranch Road 12 and surrounding area.

3. The meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

**PASSED & APPROVED this, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2023, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ (ayes) to \_\_\_\_\_ (nays) to \_\_\_\_\_ (abstentions) of the Economic Development Committee of Dripping Springs, Texas.**

**CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:**

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Kim Fernea, Economic Development Committee Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary