



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commission Members

Bonnie Humphrey, Chair
Bill Little, Vice Chair
Roman Baligad
Scott Collard
Sirena Cumberland
Gordon DeWitte
Doug Fowler
Ron Hood
Mike Jones
Jason McNutt
Russell Paxton
Dillon Polk

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials

City Administrator Michelle Fischer
Council Member Geoffrey Tahuahua

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of Support by the Emergency Management Commission for a Grant Application to the Texas Department of Transportation for the Creation of Pedestrian Connections from the Founders Ridge subdivision to DSISD Elementary, DSRP, and Surrounding Area.**
- 2. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of Support by the Emergency Management Commission for a Grant Application to the Texas Department of Transportation for the Creation of Pedestrian Connections from Mercer St. to Ranch Road 12 and Surrounding Area.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. Emergency Management Coordinator Report

Roman Baligad, Emergency Management Coordinator

- a. Public Relations
- b. Finance
- c. Training

4. Emergency Management Commission Chair Report

Bonnie Humphrey, EMC Chair

5. Operations Report

- a. Constables Office
- b. Dripping Springs ISD
- c. ESD No. 1
- d. ESD No. 6
- e. Hays County OEM

6. VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters) Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Emergency Management Commission Meetings

June 15, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

July 20, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

August 17, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

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

June 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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

August 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

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

Submitted By: Aaron Reed, Public Works Director

Parks Meeting Date: May 18, 2023

Agenda Item Wording: **Approval of a Resolution of Support by the Emergency Management Commission for a Grant Application to the Texas Department of Transportation for the Creation of Pedestrian Connections from the Founders Ridge subdivision to DSISD Elementary, DSRP, and Surrounding Area.**

Agenda Item Requestor:

Summary/Background: City staff submitted a preliminary application for the 2023 TxDOT TASA call for projects for sidewalks along Ranch Road 12 and Event Center Dr. between the Founders Ridge subdivision, DSISD elementary school and Dripping Springs Ranch Park. The project was deemed eligible for funding by TxDOT and City staff is working on the detailed application. City staff would like to request a Resolution of support as this project would improve connectivity between City parks, schools and multiple residential subdivisions.

Commission Recommendations:

Recommended Council Actions:

Attachments:

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

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

RESOLUTION No. 2023-

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (“EMC”) 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 THE FOUNDERS RIDGE SUBDIVISION TO THE D.S.I.S.D. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK, AND SURROUNDING AREA.

WHEREAS, the City of Dripping Springs Emergency Management Commission (“EMC”) is aware of the lack of pedestrian/ cyclist trails or sidewalks on the east side of Ranch Road 12, running from the Founders Ridge Subdivision to the driveway for Dripping Springs Independent School District (“D.S.I.S.D.”) Elementary School and Dripping Springs Ranch Park (“Area”); and

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

WHEREAS, funding from the 2023 TxDOT TASA Program to would afford the construction of several, needed improvements within the Area slated as: sidewalks on the east side of Ranch Road 12 running from the Founders Ridge subdivision to the D.S.I.S.D. elementary school driveway; a sidewalk on the North side of Event Center Dr. from Ranch Road 12 to the Harrison Hills subdivision; a DG trail from Event Center Dr. to DS Ranch Park and Existing Trails; Improvements to the signalized crossing on Ranch Road 12; and

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

WHEREAS, the EMC 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 students and patrons alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS:

1. The Dripping Springs Emergency Management Commission supports the safe travel of all students and patrons of the City.
2. The Dripping Springs Emergency Management Commission 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 east side of Ranch Road 12 from the

Founders Ridge subdivision to the D.S.I.S.D. Elementary School, Dripping springs Ranch Park, 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.

APPROVED, this the 18th day of May 2023, by a vote of _____ (ayes) to _____ (nays) to _____ (abstentions) of the Emergency Management Commission of Dripping Springs, Texas.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS:

Bonnie Humphrey, Chair

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

RESOLUTION No. 2023-

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (“EMC”) 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 RM-12 ALONG OLD FITZHUGH RD., AND SURROUNDING AREA.

WHEREAS, the City of Dripping Springs Emergency Management Commission (“EMC”) 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, 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 students to traverse the Area without a safe route; and

WHEREAS, the EMC 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS:

1. The Dripping Springs Emergency Management Commission supports the safe travel of all students and patrons of the City.
2. The Dripping Springs Emergency Management Commission 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.

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Bonnie Humphrey, Chair

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
PO Box 384
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Submitted By: Aaron Reed, Public Works Director

Meeting Date: May 16, 2023

Agenda Item Wording: **Approval of a Resolution of Support by the Emergency Management Commission for a Grant Application to the Texas Department of Transportation for the Creation of Pedestrian Connections from Mercer St. to Ranch Road 12 and Surrounding Area.**

Agenda Item Requestor:

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. City staff would like to request a Resolution of support as this project would decrease traffic on City streets and provide safe, ADA compliant routes for pedestrians.

Commission Recommendations:

Recommended Council Actions:

Attachments:

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

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

05/15/2023

Roman Baligad

Completed

- Safety & Security
 - Completed MGT-412 Sport and Special Event Evacuation and Protective Actions
- Disaster Management
 - Installation of connex containers and canopies for EM equipment storage at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Planned for action

- Disaster Management
 - HAM Radio tower- Tower has been placed on the pad. Deputy Public Works Director is searching for a new electrical contractor to complete the wiring.
 - Winter storm Mara PA reimbursement

Short Term plans

- Safety & Security
 - Founders Day Safety and Security review
- Disaster Management
 - EM FY 2024 budget. Consulting with each city department on what type of EM equipment and or support that they can use.
 - Attend TDEM conference May 30- June 2 in Fort Worth.

Long Term plans

- Safety & Security
 - Plan for and respond to this year's eclipse event.
 - Plan for and respond to 2024 total eclipse event.
- Disaster Management
 - Hire an Emergency Management Specialist (FY 2024).

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