

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WHARTON County

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El Campo (City) applied to the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) for a \$8,000,000 State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loan to upgrade US 59 to interstate standards by adding frontage roads and improving mainland alignment or grades when necessary. The two sections are: (1) approximately 1.5 mile improvement on US 59 from BU 59 South of El Campo to FM 1163; and (2) 0.725 mile improvement on US 59 from SH 71 to FM 1163 (Project).

The City proposed that the SIB loan will be secured by a pledge of Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) revenues and ad valorem tax revenues.

The commission's rules regarding the SIB at 43 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §6.32 allow for final approval by the commission of any SIB loan in the principal amount of \$10 million or less, without first going through the preliminary approval process described in the rules.

The executive director or his designee implemented actions authorized and required by the rules for final approval, and also hereby determines that the requirement to submit any information or data that was not submitted by the City is waived as permitted by the rules either because the information or data is not relevant or the department already possesses the information or data. The executive director affirms that the necessary social, economic, and environmental impact studies have been completed and approved by the department, resulting in the issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact on June 2, 2015. The executive director recommends that the commission grant final approval of the SIB application for financial assistance with the condition that the City must honor all environmental commitments made in the environmental assessment and FONSI documents.

In accordance with 43 TAC §6.32(c)(2), the commission finds that: (1) the Project is consistent with the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan and the metropolitan transportation plan developed by the applicable metropolitan planning organization; (2) the Project is not in a Clean Air Act non-attainment area; (3) the Project will improve the efficiency of the state's transportation systems; (4) the Project will expand the availability of funding for transportation projects or reduce direct state costs; and (5) the application shows that the Project and the City are likely to have sufficient revenues to assure repayment of the financial assistance.

In accordance with 43 TAC §6.32(e), the commission has determined that providing financial assistance for the Project will protect the public safety and prudently provide for the protection of public funds, while furthering the purposes of the SIB, and that the Project will provide for all reasonable and feasible measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate for adverse environmental impacts.

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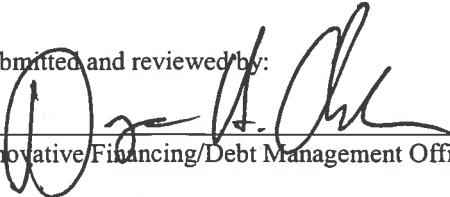
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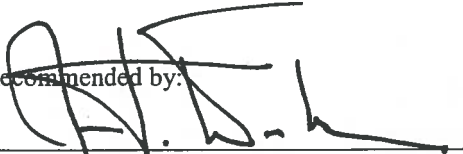
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application for SIB financial assistance submitted by the City to borrow up to \$8,000,000 from the State Infrastructure Bank is granted final approval. The executive director or his designee is directed and authorized to enter into the financial assistance agreement as negotiated with the City. The loan will be repaid over a period of no more than 24 years at 2.08 percent interest per annum.

Submitted and reviewed by:


Innovative Financing/Debt Management Officer

Recommended by:


Executive Director

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