

**RESOLUTION NO. 4131**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2023 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM TO ASSIST WITH FUNDING FOR PHASE 2 OF THE KATY TRAIL PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Denison, Texas is a home rule municipality with the authority to participate in grant request submissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) has been authorized to administer Federal Highway Administration funds for alternative transportation improvements and the program through which these funds are allocated is called the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program (the “Program”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Program is focused on construction of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in population areas of less than 200,000 and requires submission of a project nomination with supporting documentation by August 15, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council was supportive of the construction of the Katy Trail in 2015 during a grant submission and approved and supported seeking such grant with up to a twenty percent (20%) matching fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the City subsequently determined that it is eligible for Transportation Development Credits (TDC) which can be used in lieu of the local match; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the Sherman-Denison Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which was adopted on October 15, 2014, an eligible segment of trail was identified; and

**WHEREAS**, this identified trail segment is a portion of the proposed trail following the abandoned MKT railroad right-of way. The City has purchased a portion of this right-of-way for construction of a new water line and the trail project will coincide along the same alignment; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the nomination process, the reviewer looks at public support of the project as part of the scoring matrix; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a public hearing on April 17, 2023 to hear comments and receive input from the citizens of Denison; and

**WHEREAS**, TxDOT requires the submittal of a resolution as part of the Program call for project grant application submission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1:** The recitals and findings set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into the body of this resolution as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2:** This Resolution affirms the City of Denison's (the "City") support for the Katy Trail Project, specifically seeking a grant from TxDOT's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for the multi-use trail along the UP Railroad corridor ("Project").

**SECTION 3:** The City will serve as the project sponsor and supports funding the Project as described in the 2019 TA Set-Aside Nomination Form (including the construction budget and TxDOT's fifteen percent (15%) administrative cost and is willing to commit to the Project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, and financing.

**SECTION 4:** The Project sponsor is willing and able to enter into an agreement with TxDOT by resolution or ordinance, should the project be selected for funding.

**SECTION 5:** It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, location, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

**SECTION 6:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the approval of City Council.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Crawley, seconded by Council Member Spiegel, the above and foregoing Resolution was passed and approved at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Denison, Texas, on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2023.

Ayes: Hander, Courtright, Thorne, Gott, Doty, Crawley and Spiegel

Nays:

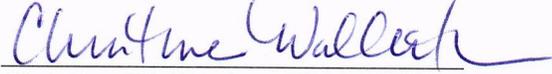
Abstentions:

At a regular meeting on May 1, 2023.

CITY OF DENISON, TEXAS

  
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JANET GOTT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Christine Wallentine, City Clerk

