

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Stephanie Biggs, Administrative Assistant, Toni Kunz, City Administrator

Date: July 14, 2026

Agenda Item: B Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2026-005

Action Requested: Review, discuss, and act on resolution 2026-005 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) with TxDOT for the Transportation Alternatives project that was awarded to the City on November 17, 2025.

Resolution 2025-022 authorizing city staff to apply for a Transportation Alternatives grant for development of preliminary engineering (PS&E) and environmental documentation leading to design & construction of pedestrian and/or bicycle infrastructure was approved by city council on May 20, 2025.

TxDOT notified the city that we had been

Key information regarding the grant:

Scope of Work and Use of Project as outlined in the AFA:

- a. Scope of Work for the Project consists of the design and construction of sidewalks along SH 16 (Main St.) from SH 173 (Sycamore St) to Cedar St and along Cherry St. from SH 16 to 11th St. The project includes ADA curb ramps, pedestrian islands, and crosswalks. See the attached map.
- b. Any proposed changes to the Project must be submitted in writing by the Local Gov't to State. Substantive changes may also require an amendment to this Agreement and the approval of the FHWA, State, MPO, or the Commission. Any changes undertaken without written approval and amendment of the Agreement may jeopardize not only the federal funding for the changes, but the federal funding of the entire Project.

The cost of the project is \$2,992,000 – the grant amount is \$2,393,600. The city's 20% match equals \$598,400 which the previous EDC board had agreed to provide. \$93,860 is due to the State within 30 days of the AFA being executed. The remaining balance of \$504,540 is due to the State within 60 days prior to the Construction contract being advertised for bids. Per the timeline, the construction process should begin in March 2027.

Because SH 16 is a TxDOT roadway, they are controlling the design and construction aspects of the project. However, the design consultant firm will work with the city and TxDOT on the details for the Scope of Work. The Scope will include a public input meeting. We are still 6 -8 months away from beginning the design process.

The city is 100% responsible for the cost of overruns (if any). They're typically billed during final closeout. Both the city and TxDOT must approve change orders so we will be notified if it should occur.

Our application for the grant included letters of support from local stakeholders. Lowe's Grocery Store, ACE Wine Room, Bandera County Chamber of Commerce, Bandera County Convention & Visitors Bureau, and The Marshal's Office all provided support letters.

The following is a link to a news article about a young boy advocating for handicap accessibility in Bandera.

<https://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/11-year-old-boy-with-disability-advocates-for-handicap-accessibility-09-20-2018>

The TxDOT Transportation Alternatives grant will provide significant economic benefits to Bandera by bringing outside state and federal funding into the community to improve pedestrian infrastructure and connectivity. The project will enhance access between downtown businesses, public facilities, and other destinations, creating a safer and more walkable environment for residents and visitors. These improvements support Bandera's tourism-based economy by encouraging visitors to spend more time exploring local shops, restaurants, and attractions, while also improving quality of life for residents. By investing in infrastructure that promotes safety, accessibility, and community appeal, the project strengthens Bandera's competitiveness for future investment and long-term economic vitality.

Connectivity Map



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