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City of Temple to Receive Funding for Transportation Projects

Federal and State funding allocated through KTMPO will go toward the completion of three Temple projects.

TEMPLE, TX (May 16, 2024) – The City of Temple will receive funding for three transportation projects after the Killeen Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPO) Policy Board voted for official approval at its meeting on Wednesday, May 15.

In October of 2023, the City of Temple Planning and Development Department submitted 16 different roadway, sidewalk, trail, and pedestrian safety projects to KTMPO's Call for Projects for inclusion in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. After going through various rounds of scoring and ranking, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) presented multiple scenarios to allocate available funding to three of the projects – Veterans Memorial Blvd Phase II, Georgetown Railroad Trail Phase II, and Cedar Road Safety Crossing.

“We are honored to receive this funding, and it will be a big help in continuing to develop Temple’s transportation future,” said Jason Deckman, the City of Temple’s Senior Transportation Planner. “It’s exciting to see the growth in Bell County and Temple, and these three projects – a roadway, a trail, and a school safety crossing – represent how Temple works to address the different ways people move around the city.”

The Veterans Memorial Blvd Phase II project is part of the City’s Reinvestment Zone project to improve the S 3rd Street corridor near the VA Complex and Temple College, and \$10M will go towards funding its completion. \$3.5M has been allocated for the construction of Phase II of the Georgetown Railroad Trail project. Phase I, running between S 5th St. and S 31st St, is scheduled to begin construction in the Fall of 2025. Phase II will continue the project from S 31st St. to the historic MKT Railroad on the Leon River. \$200,000 will also be given to the Cedar Road Safety Crossing, which will place a crosswalk with flashing signals to allow students and families to cross the four lanes of Cedar Road to reach Lake Belton Middle School.

“Our project development process relies heavily on guidance from the Public Works team,” said Deckman. “Assistant Director Kenny Henderson provides a wealth of experience to steer the discussion from concepts into the design phase, and we are thankful to him and his team for helping us with these transportation projects.”

The City anticipates receiving the funding within the next three to four years, as KTMPO staff work through the programming process. For more information on the City of Temple’s Planning and Development Department, please visit templetx.gov/planning.