

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY25 REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY & EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE BOULEVARD OF THE AMERICAS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000.00 TO CONSTRUCT AND IMPROVE RIGHT OF WAYS, ROADWAY CROSSINGS, AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE FOUR BLOCKS OF THE IH-35 MILE MARKER ONE IN ORDER TO PROMOTE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC, IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, WIDEN SIDEWALKS, BRING BACK LIFE TO THE AREA AND PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. GRANT HAS NO MATCH AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION, BUT UP TO 20% FOR UP TO \$5,000,000.00 MAY BE REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF AWARD. THIS NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY IS ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS. FUNDING WILL NEED TO BE IDENTIFIED IN THE EVENT PROJECT IS SELECTED FOR AWARD, AND MATCH IS REQUESTED BY AWARDING AGENCY.

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Transportation has announced, and made available reimbursable funds for the *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE)* Grant Program for the 2025 fiscal year that will finalize designs, improve pedestrian safety, widening sidewalks, bring back life to the area and promote economic development; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo will use these funds to reconnect, mend, and re-stitch the downtown communities and neighborhoods divided to the east and west of IH-35; and

Whereas, the *City Council of the City of Laredo* acknowledges and expresses its sincere and cordial intention to apply for the aforementioned funding opportunity whose implementation date cannot begin until funding is approved, and that the project must be completed by September 30, 2034; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Laredo finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Laredo, Texas to formally apply and submit an application for the aforementioned Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Grant Program through the City of Laredo's Economic Development Department in order to improve public infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1: Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.00 to the U.S. Department of Transportation, under the FY25 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Grant Program, for the Boulevard of the Americas Project to construct and improve right of ways, roadway crossings, and pedestrian improvements at the four blocks of the IH-35 mile marker one, and to participate with a possible local match in an amount of up to \$5,000,000 should said grant be awarded.

Section 2: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

**DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR**

ATTEST:

**JOSE A. VALDEZ JR.
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**DOANH "ZONE" T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY**