

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-178

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000.00 TO US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT), UNDER THE 2024 STRENGTHENING MOBILITY AND REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSPORTATION (SMART) GRANT PROGRAM FOR ADAPTIVE SYSTEMS FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT. IF AWARDED, GRANT WILL ALLOW THE USE OF FUNDING FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC RELIEF ALONG FM1472 FOCUSING ON SAFETY, RELIABILITY, RESILIENCY, EQUITY AND ACCESS, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND INTEGRATION. THE GRANT PROGRAM DOES NOT REQUIRE A LOCAL MATCH AT THIS TIME. THE GRANT WILL BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE CAPITAL GRANTS FUND.

Whereas, the *City Council of the City of Laredo* acknowledges and expresses its sincere and cordial intention to apply for the aforementioned funding opportunity; 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 Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program through the City of Laredo's Economic Development and Traffic Departments to improve the flow of traffic along FM1472 using adaptive systems

Whereas, the *City of Laredo* intends to apply under this grant opportunity for a Stage 1 – Planning and Prototyping grant that will serve as a model to help gather crucial information needed to create a fully realized implementation plan that the city can use for incorporating increased investments in technology when planning and developing future roadways and arterials that will be safer and more efficient for the residents of the community.

Whereas, the *City council of the City of Laredo* designates the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

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 \$2,000,000 to U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), under the 2024 Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program for adaptive systems for the City of Laredo Traffic Department. If awarded, grant will allow the use of funding for advanced technology and applications to provide traffic relief along FM1472 focusing on safety, reliability, resiliency, equity and access, climate change, and integration. The grant program does not require a local match at this time.

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:

**MARIO I. MALDONADO JR.
CITY SECRETARY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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