



Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas
216 Walnut Street

Agenda - Tuesday, February 21, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Roll Call

Invocation given by Director Steven Hollibush

Pledge of Allegiance led by Public Works Director Tyler Richards

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Please fill out a Citizen Communication Card with your name and contact information for the City Clerk's records.

A limit of five (5) minutes per person is allotted for citizens to express their concerns to the Board of Directors, with a maximum of fifty (50) minutes reserved for Citizens Communication. The Board of Directors cannot respond to citizens' concerns during this time.

Be respectful of the Board of Directors, city staff, and the public by refraining from abusive conduct, personal charges, or verbal attacks.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Freedom of Information Act presentation. (Admin) Interim City Attorney Joshua Potter

CONSENT

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting February 6, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Adopt a Resolution making a correction on the term date for the Historic District Commission – Greg Gallagher. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

REGULAR

4. Adopt a Joint Resolution of the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, and the City Council of the City of Texarkana, Texas supporting the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization 2023 RAISE Grant application for the State Line corridor improvements. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

5. Consider the following action concerning substandard structures:

Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the demolition of twenty-nine (29) substandard structures.

Adopt a Resolution condemning twenty-nine (29) substandard structures for demolition.
(PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

6. Adopt an Ordinance waiving competitive bidding; authorizing the City Manager to purchase a 2022 Ford F-250 Truck. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

An emergency clause is requested. An emergency clause requires a separate and distinct vote of the board and is valid only if there is a two-thirds vote of approval by the Board.

7. Adopt an Ordinance waiving competitive bidding for the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus equipment. (TAFD) Fire Chief David Fletcher

An emergency clause is requested. An emergency clause requires a separate and distinct vote of the board and is valid only if there is a two-thirds vote of approval by the Board.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Adopt a Resolution appointing Jason Dupree to the Board of Adjustment. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, March 6, 2023

ADJOURN

2023 City Calendar

Texarkana TOGA – 525 E. Broad Street - April 13th – 16th – 6AM – 2PM

Centennial Time Capsule/Sesquicentennial Festival – Downtown – April 14th – 15th

Penni's Purpose - Saturday, April 15th - 10AM - 8PM

Sesquicentennial Ball – July 8th

Founders' Week Celebration – December 4th – 10th

Texarkana Rec Center Calendar

Ageless Grace - Mondays – 2PM – 3PM

Gym Open - Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays – 8AM - 7PM & Saturdays - 8AM – Noon

Dance Fitness - Tuesdays - 6PM & Saturdays - 11AM

Freedom of Information Act

Arkansas Code Annotated 25-19-101 et seq.



History of the FOIA

- Arkansas FOIA initially adopted in **1967**
- Codified at Arkansas Code Annotated 25-19-101 et seq.
- Covers two broad areas:
 - Public meetings
 - Public records
- Specifically includes “Electronic or Computer-Based Information or data compilations in any medium”

Legislative Intent

- A.C.A. § 25-19-102:
 - To insure that electors or their representatives are fully advised of the activities and decisions of their public officials.
- Caselaw sets forth liberal interpretation rule (*Laman v. McCord*, 245 Ark.401 (1968))
- Exemptions to be narrowly construed (*Bryant v. Mars*, 309 Ark. 480 (1992); *Orsini v. State*, 340 Ark. 665 (2000)).

Scope of FOIA

- Requires most meetings of “governing bodies” to be open to the public.
- Allows the public to inspect and receive copies of public records of governmental agencies unless the law makes an exception for them.
- Can apply to meetings and records of private organizations if they receive public funding.

FOIA DOES NOT REQUIRE:

- Citizen participation at meetings (just attendance)
 - But see A.C.A. § 14-14-109(b), requiring county boards to afford citizens “a reasonable opportunity to participate prior to the final decision.”)
- Any Particular time period for record retention
 - (But see A.C.A. §§ 25-18-601 to -605 concerning records retention by “state agencies.”)
 - (and county records retention requirements at A.C.A. §§ 13-4-301 to -308.)

Public Meetings

- A.C.A. § 25-19-103(4) defines public meetings as “meetings of any bureau, commission, or agency of the state, or any political subdivision of the state, including municipalities and counties, boards of education, and all other boards, bureaus, commissions, or organizations in the State of Arkansas, except grand juries, supported wholly or in part by public funds or expending public funds.”
- A.C.A. § 25-19-106(a) establishes the open meeting requirement:
 - “All meetings, formal or informal, special or regular” of the “governing bodies” of cities, counties, school districts, state entities, and some private entities, must be open to the public.
- Act is triggered even if no official action is taken.

Open Public Meetings

- Only applies to “Governing Bodies” with decision-making power
- Subcommittees of governing bodies are covered, as are any other committees with delegated power to decide (Ark. Gazette Co. v. Pickens, 258 Ark. 69 (1975) & Op. 2002-092)
- Does not apply to staff meetings (Nat’l. Park Med. Ctr. v. Ark. DHS, 322 Ark. 595 (1995))
- Or to advisory bodies unless de facto governing body; Op. 2006-059 (but records are subject)
- Advisory committees composed partially of board members might be covered (Op. 2000-260)
- A specific statute may govern particular meetings
- Records may be open but meetings closed, if not a “governing body”

How many members make a meeting?

- Quorum not required (*El Dorado Mayor v. El Dorado Broadcasting*, 260 Ark. 821 (1976)).
- 3 members to discuss government business, must comply.
- 2 members can be a meeting depending on the facts; “polling” or pre-meeting conferencing before a vote is covered (*Harris v. City of Fort Smith* (197 S.W.3d 461 (2004))).
- Telephone conferences are permissible if proper procedures are followed and notice is given (*Rehab Hosp. Services Corp. v. Delta-Hills Health Systems Agency*, 284 Ark. 397 (1985)).
- There is a right to know how officials vote – no secret ballots (*Depoyster v. Cole*, 298 Ark 203 (1984)).

Social Gatherings/Conferences

- Considered a “meeting?”
 - Not if any discussion of government business at the social gathering is incidental and intermittent (Op.95-020)
 - Maybe not if the governing body has no control over the conference, function, or proceeding (Op. 94-131)

Can E-mail be a meeting? (Op. 2005-166)

- Electronically stored e-mail messages are public records and “ordinarily” do not evidence a meeting – generally analogous instead to written correspondence.
- But possibility exists for violating the FOIA with “sequential or circular series of communications.” (*Harris v. City of Fort Smith*, 197 S.W.3d 461 (2004))
- Other states distinguish mere informational correspondence or “passive receipt of e-mail” from communications designed to elicit substantive discussion.
- Factual question in each instance as to whether violation occurred. Consider substance of the e-mail and presence or absence of interaction among the governing body members.

Open Public Meetings (Notice)

A.C.A. § 25-19-106(b)(1)

- The time and place of each regular meeting shall be furnished to anyone who requests the information.
 - No one entitled to notice unless requested (*Elmore v. Burke*, 337 Ark. 235 (1999))
 - No particular form of notice required, but must be calculated to give actual notice (Op. 96-074)
- Must publish the date, time, and location of any meeting and hearing open to the public at www.arkansas.gov at least 3 days before the meeting.
 - Doesn't apply to emergency or special meetings.

Open Public Meetings (Notice)

- A.C.A. § 25-19-106(b)(2)
 - In the event of **emergency or special meetings**, the person calling the meeting shall notify the representatives of the newspapers, radio stations, and television stations, if any, located in the county in which the meeting is to be held and any news media located elsewhere which cover regular meetings of the governing body **and which have requested to be so notified** of emergency or special meetings, of the time, place, and date of the meeting. Notification shall be made at least two (2) hours before the meeting takes place in order that the public shall have representatives at the meeting.

Exceptions to Open Meetings (Private Meetings)

- Executive sessions for certain personnel issues
 - Only for the purpose of considering employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of a public officer or employee
- Executive sessions of State Boards to prepare licensure test questions and administer the tests. (2001 law).

Action taken at an illegal meeting will not be invalidated unless:

- 1) Plaintiff has given the body a chance to hold a meeting that conforms;
- 2) Remedy is sought to vindicate public as opposed to private interest;
- 3) The FOIA violation was substantial; and
- 4) The defendant knowingly violated the Act (*Rehab Hospital Services Corp. v. Delta-Hills Health Systems Agency*, 284 Ark. 397 (1985)).

Public Records under the FOIA

- Definition
- Access
- Making FOIA requests
- Compliance
- Examples
- 2021 FOIA Acts
- Exemptions

Public Records

Definition of Public Records

Public Records

- A.C.A. 25-19-103(5)(A)
 - “writings, recorded sounds, films, tapes, electronic or computer-based information or data compilations in any medium required by law to be kept or otherwise kept” and which “constitute a record of the performance or lack of performance of official functions . . .”
 - Excludes software acquired by purchase, lease or license.

Public Records (cont'd)

- All records maintained in public offices or by public employees within the scope of their employment are presumed to be public records. A.C.A. 25-19-103(5)(A).
- The presumption can be rebutted if the record does not reflect the “performance or lack of performance of official functions.” AGOp. 2005-095.

Public Records (cont'd)

- Whether a particular record is a “public record” depends upon its content. *Pulaski County v. Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* (Ark. Sup. Ct. 07-669, July 20, 2007).
- If challenged, a court must make an “in camera” or private “in chambers” review to determine whether the records are “public records.” *Id.*

Access to Public Records

A.C.A. § 25-19-105

- Unless exempt:

“ . . . All public records shall be open to inspection and copying by any citizen during regular business hours . . . ”

Scope

- The FOIA covers “records” not “information.”
- An agency does not need to create new records to comply.
- If records are part public and part exempt, then redact exempt material and provide the rest.

Scope (cont'd)

- E-mails or letters sent to private e-mail addresses or private residences of public officials are subject to FOIA if they involve the public's business.

Bradford v. Director, ESD, 83 Ark. App. 332, 128 S.W.3d 20 (2003); Opinion 2000-220.

- Otherwise, the FOIA could be circumvented.

Scope (cont'd)

- A public entity can be the custodian of public records even if it does not have physical possession of them, as long as it has “administrative control” of the records.

A.C.A. 25-19-103(1)(A). *Fox v. Perroni*, 358 Ark. 251 (2004).

FOIA Requests

- Only “citizens” may request FOIAs.
 - Incarcerated felons are denied access to Department of Correction and Department of Community Correction records.

FOIA Requests – Mode & Specificity

- Requests may be made in person, by telephone, mail, facsimile, electronic mail, or any other electronic means provided by the custodian.
- The request shall be sufficiently specific to enable the custodian to locate the records with reasonable effort.

FOIA



- Citizens may request copies in “any medium in which the record is readily available or in any format to which it is readily convertible” with existing software.

FOIA (cont'd)



- Custodian is still not required to compile information or create a record in response to a request.

FOIA Compliance

- Requires immediate access unless records are in “active use or storage.”
- If *in* active use or storage, custodian must certify that fact in writing and set time within three (3) working days to provide the records.
- Determine to what extent records are public or non-public; redact exempt portions; and provide the public records.
- An agency that is not the custodian of requested records should identify the proper custodian, if known or readily ascertainable.

COPIES



- A citizen may:

“inspect, copy or
receive copies of
public records.”

COPIES (Cont'd)



- “Upon request and payment of a fee, the custodian shall furnish copies of public records if the custodian has the necessary duplicating equipment.”

2021 FOIA Acts

- [Act 310](#) – Allows for photography of public records under FOIA.
“Copy” includes the ability of a citizen to capture still and moving images through image capture, including still and moving photography and video and digital recording. Effective July 28, 2021.
- [Act 658](#) -- Amends process governing disclosure of a public employee’s gross salary amount under FOIA.
Effective July 28, 2021.
- [Act 56](#) – Amends FOIA to allow for electronic public meetings.
EMERGENCY CLAUSE Effective February 2, 2021.
- Act 572-Attorney Fees
- Act 649-Workforce Services
- Act 727-Ballots
- Act 889-Lottery winners

Exemptions to Access in the FOIA

- State Income Tax Records
 - Individual and Corporate Income Tax Returns
 - Any State Income Tax Record
 - Employee Payroll Withholding
- Medical Records-records containing information relating to the treatment or diagnosis of a medical condition
- Adoption Records
- Education Records, as defined in federal law, “Family and Educational Right to Privacy Act,” 20 USC § 1232g.
- Certain Historical Preservation & Archeological Survey Records
- Grand Jury minutes
- Unpublished drafts of judicial & quasi-judicial opinions
- Unpublished memoranda, working papers & correspondence of certain state officials – Governor, Attorney General,
- Documents protected from disclosure by order or rule of court. *See also* Arkansas Supreme Court, Administrative Order #19.

Exemptions to Access (Cont'd)

- Files that would give advantage to competitors or bidders.
- Certain AEDC Records
- Identities of current undercover officers
 - (identified as undercover at State Minimum Standards Office)
- Records containing:
 - Measures, procedures, instructions, or related data used to cause a computer to perform security functions, including but not limited to:
 - Passwords
 - Personal identification numbers, and
 - Other means of preventing access to computers or any data residing therein.

Exemptions to Access (Cont'd)

- Non-elected state, county and municipal employees' home addresses are exempt.
- Notwithstanding the exemption, the custodian shall "verify":
 - An employee's city or county of residence
 - Or "address of record" upon request.

Exemptions to Access (Cont'd)

- Examinations for Licensure:
 - State agency materials, information, examinations, and answers ... utilized by boards and commissions for ... testing applicants for licensure ...
- Home addresses of non-elected school district and other employees subject to the FOIA may be exempt under the 25-19-105(b)(12) exemption for personnel records. See *Stilley v. McBride*, 332 Ark. 306 (1998).
- Military Discharge Records (DD Form 214)
 - A.C.A. 25-19-105 exempts "Military Service discharge records or DD Form 214 for veterans discharged from service less than seventy (70) years from the current date and filed with the county recorder as provided under 14-2-102."
- Reports, analyses, investigations, and any other records containing information that, if disclosed, might jeopardize or compromise efforts to secure and protect the public water system. A.C.A. 25-19-105(18)(A) &(B).

More Exemptions...

- Vulnerability Assessments submitted by a public water system on or before June 30, 2004 to the EPA for 10 years after submission. 25-19-105(b)(16).
- Records relating to DHS risk or security assessments or regarding compliance with "HIPAA," the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. (Act 726 of 2007.)

Homeland Security Information Act

- The “Homeland Security Information Act” shields certain terrorism threat assessments, plans, operational policies or procedures, and training developed or maintained by “emergency service agencies.”
- Also shields certain investigative records until after “final adjudication.”
- And records received from federal government and other states and cities if shielded in those jurisdictions.

Exemptions Not Contained in the FOIA

- Exemptions in other State Statutes.
- Exemptions in federal law.
- Constitutional right to privacy.

McCambridge v. City of Little Rock, 298 Ark. 219, 766 S.W.2d 909 (1989)

Penalties and Enforcement

- A.C.A. 25-19-104 (Criminal Penalty)
 - Negligent violation is a Class "C" misdemeanor. See Act 1994 of 2005, Sec. 413.
 - Former specific language authorizing public service or education, or both repealed. Act 1994 of 2005, Sec. 413.
- A.C.A. 25-19-107 (Civil Judicial Enforcement)
 - Any citizen denied their FOIA rights may appeal to circuit court

Attorneys' Fees May be Awarded

- Against a defendant where the plaintiff substantially prevails unless the position of the defendant was substantially justified, or other circumstances would make an award unjust.
- Against a plaintiff where the defendant substantially prevails only if the action was initiated primarily for frivolous or dilatory purposes.
- No attorneys' fees may be awarded against the State or any of its departments or agencies (sovereign immunity concerns).



CITY OF TEXARKANA, AR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA TITLE:	Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting February 6, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
AGENDA DATE:	February 21, 2023
ITEM TYPE:	Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> : Minutes
DEPARTMENT:	City Clerk Department
PREPARED BY:	Heather Soyars, City Clerk
REQUEST:	Approval of meeting minutes.
EMERGENCY CLAUSE:	N/A
SUMMARY:	Approval of meeting minutes
EXPENSE REQUIRED:	N/A
AMOUNT BUDGETED:	N/A
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED:	N/A
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	The City Clerk recommends Board approval.
EXHIBITS:	Meeting minutes.



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

Minutes - Monday, February 06, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Assistant Mayor Ward 1 Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Danny Jewell, and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Jay Ellington, Interim City Attorney Joshua Potter, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

Invocation given by Reverend Donald Tyler, guest of Director Laney Harris.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Police Chief Michael Kramm.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Ledell Robertson, wanted to voice his concerns regarding the constant noise at Tri-State Iron and Metal.

Courtney Blair voiced her concerns with the 18-wheelers traveling in and out of the neighborhood around Tri-State Iron and Metal. She also stated the noise was all day from Sunday to Sunday, and there were many people in the area who were sick from the chemicals in the air at Tri-State.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Presentation of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas Employee Service Awards. (ADMIN)

Tyler Richards	Public Works	5 Years
Danny Russell	TAPD	10 Years
Travis Deel	TAFD	25 Years
Jeannie Sanders	TWU	5 Years
Justin Harwell	TWU	5 Years
Dustin Griffin	TWU	5 Years
Roberto Vazquez	TWU	20 Years
Sally McAllister	TWU	35 Years

CONSENT

Director Harris wanted to make a correction to the previous minutes. He wanted his vote regarding the Interim City Attorney to be changed to abstain instead of nay.

Director Hart made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda with the correction to the previous minutes, Seconded by Director Hollibush. The motion carried and the following items were approved:

2. Approval of the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting January 17, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Resolution No. 2023-5 approved the reimbursement of \$15,000.00 to the Texarkana Regional Airport from American Rescue Act Funds. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson
4. Resolution No. 2023-6 authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Texarkana, Texas for Police Criminal Investigation Division (CID) services. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson and Police Chief Michael Kramm
5. Resolution No. 2023-7 reappointed City staff to the Personnel Policy Committee. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

REGULAR

6. Resolution No. 2023-8 appointed Joshua Potter as Interim City Attorney. (BOD)

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

7. Resolution No. 2023-9 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract for the Front Street Plaza Improvement Project. (TWU) Executive Director Gary Smith

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

8. Resolution No. 2023-10 authorized the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with Turkey Creek Farms for the construction of a fence enclosing Front Street Plaza. (PWD) Parks and Recreation Director Adam Dalby

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Hart, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

9. Ordinance No. 5-2023 confirmed, updated, and corrected the annexation of certain territory to the City of Texarkana, Arkansas (Franks). (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

After a brief discussion, the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the ordinance was read the first time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Hart.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this ordinance.

No one came forward.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

An emergency clause is requested. An emergency clause requires a separate and distinct vote of the board and is valid only if there is a two-thirds vote of approval by the Board.

Motion to enact the emergency clause made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the emergency clause.

No one came forward.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

Assistant Mayor Roberts thanked Texarkana Water Utilities Executive Director Gary Smith for keeping him updated on the boil warning that effected his Ward. He also asked City Manager Mr. Ellington if the Tri-State issue would be assigned to a particular department.

City Manager E. Jay Ellington said the issue would be sent to the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department, and the Public Works Department.

Director Harris said he thought the ordinance would need to be changed before anything could happen with Tri-State. He said when he drove around the Carmichael Hill and College Hill area, he noticed curbs were stopped up with mud and asked what Public Works was doing now since they were not cutting grass. Director Harris said he thought the City's personnel person would be qualified to help in the process of finding a new City Manager instead of hiring a go between like the City did last time. He also stated all interviews should be handle at City Hall, not at another location.

Director Hollibush wanted to remind citizens about the upcoming Mardi Gras parade on February 18, 2023. He stated he would schedule a meeting with Tri-State and the community at the Iron Mountain Center. Director Hollibush said there was an issue with rainwater on 14th Street around the train tracks. He said the railroad had the right-of-way and the City would need permission before anything could be done. He said they were still trying to reach someone at the railroad to see if the City could fix the problem. If the railroad could not be reached, then he would reach out to the State Representative and the State Senator.

Director Brewer wanted citizens to know he was working to have lights installed on the walking trail.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager E. Jay Ellington gave the following report:

- He wanted to let the Board know he was meeting with the transition team every week to discuss the upcoming changes.
- He said there were continued meetings between the City and Miller County to work together on what the State was wanting regarding the 9-1-1 center.
- He said since the closing of the Juvenile Detention Center, the City still looked for options on where to house the juveniles.
- He hoped the Plaza projects would be completed by this spring and activities could be scheduled.
- He said there would be three documents to come forward within the next six weeks: one with 1894, Crossties, and a lease arrangement.
- He wanted to remind citizens about the 150 years celebration of our City that would happen later in the year.
- He said the Airport Authority scheduled a tentative joint city meeting on April 27, 2023.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 6:46 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:06 PM, and the following action was taken:

10. Resolution No. 2023-11 made appointments to various boards and commissions. [Airport Authority; Historic Commission; Library Board and Planning Commission.] (CCD)

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, Director Jewell, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

APPROVED this the 21st day of February 2023.

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

Heather Soyars, City Clerk



CITY OF TEXARKANA, AR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt a Resolution making a correction on the term date for the Historic District Commission – Greg Gallagher. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

AGENDA DATE: February 21, 2023

ITEM TYPE: Ordinance Resolution Other : _____

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

PREPARED BY: Heather Soyars

REQUEST: Historic District Commission - Greg Gallagher – term date needs to be corrected from 2025 to 2024.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE: N/A

SUMMARY: Term date for Historic District Commission – Greg Gallagher, needs to be corrected from 2025 to 2024.

Historic District Commission	1 Vacancy	01/17/2021----2024
	Greg Gallagher	New applicant

EXPENSE REQUIRED: N/A

AMOUNT BUDGETED: N/A

APPROPRIATION REQUIRED: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Manager and staff recommend approval.

EXHIBITS: Resolution, Boards and Commission member list, application

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2023-11, appointed Greg Gallagher to the Historic District Commission for a term beginning 01/17/2021, and ending in 2025; however, the term ends in 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Resolution No. 2023-11, to reflect said term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, that the following appointment is hereby corrected:

<u>Board/Commission:</u>	<u>Appointee:</u>	<u>Term:</u>
Historic District Commission	Greg Gallagher	01/17/2021----2024

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of February, 2023.

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Soyars, City Clerk
APPROVED:

Joshua Potter, Interim City Attorney

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Authorized by A.C.A. 14-172-201----212, and Texarkana Code 19-31----65
3 – YEAR TERMS

	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term Date</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Ward</u>
David Ellison 2 Spring Valley Lane 832-545-3833	Resolution No. 2022-32 Appointment	01/17/2020----2023	1	1
M. Carmen Mauldin 433 South Mosley Road 903-798-2194	Resolution No. 2021-36 Appointment	01/17/2020----2023	1	1
VACANCY –		01/17/2021----2024		
Jamie Simmons 600 Pecan Street 870-330-1521	Resolution No. 2021-36 Reappointment	01/17/2021----2024	5	2
Danny R. Gordon 804 East 12 th Street 870-773-2746 (home)	Resolution No. 2021-36 Reappointment	01/17/2021----2024	2	3
David Jones 39 Brookside Drive 903-277-5550 (home) 870-774-3333 (work)	Resolution No. 2022-32 Reappointment	01/17/2022----2025	4	1
Natasha Crabbe 4131 Union Road 903-824-2970	Resolution No. 2022-32 Reappointment	01/17/2022----2025	2	1
Mary Beck City Planer HDC Ex – Officio 870-779-4971 (work)	N/A	Term of Employment	N/A	N/A

CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

Application for Appointment to Citizen Advisory Board or Commission

(Please type or print clearly)

BOARD OR COMMISSION DESIRED (Please apply for one (1) board or commission per application.)

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Name: Gregory C Gallagher Home Phone: 903 908 5350

Address: 1919 Beech St Texarkana Resident Yes No 31 Years

E-Mail Address: gregorygallagherpa@gmail.com Miller Co. Voter Registration No. _____

Employer: Christus St Michael Rehab Hospital Work Phone: 903 614 4150

Position: Registered Nurse

Education: Assoc. degree Nursing High School: Fannett-Metal High School
 College: BSBA-Finance

Special knowledge or past experience qualifying you for this appointment:
I have served on the Historical District Commission in the past
Worked with the Historical District Commission to establish Beech Street Historic District

Other relevant information (civic activities, memberships, etc.):
Quality Hill Neighborhood Association member

Special knowledge or past experience qualifying you for this appointment (Please feel free to attach resume):
Restored 1919 Beech St, worked to establish Beech Street Historic District in 2008
Went with Mary Beck to many workshops in Little Rock, AR, Mobile, AL, and Philadelphia, PA
while serving as a Commissioner

References: List the name and phone number of at least one Texarkana resident as a reference, especially any City staff, City Council, or current Committee members who may be contacted on your behalf.
 Name: Mary Beck Phone Number: 903 779 4944

Interest: Explain why you are interested in being appointed to this board or commission.
Have involvement in my community. I live in Beech Street Historic District

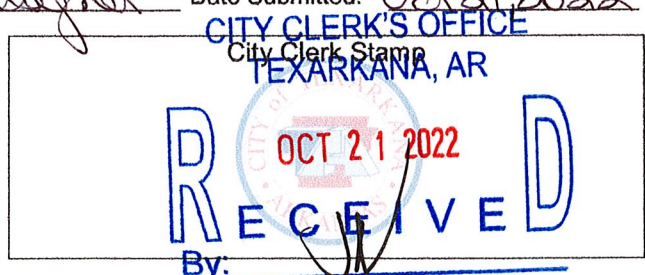
Experience: Indicate what meeting(s) you have attended of the committee for which you wish to be considered.
None in past year due to COVID

Number of Texarkana, Arkansas Board of Directors Meetings you have attended in the past 12 months: 0

Please read the statement below and sign your name to indicate your understanding.
I UNDERSTAND MY ATTENDANCE WILL BE REQUIRED AT ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of Applicant: Gregory C Gallagher Date Submitted: Oct 21 2022

Return completed application to:
 City Clerk
 216 Walnut Street (or)
 P O Box 2711
 Texarkana TX 75504-2711
 Phone 870-779-4995 or Fax 870-774-3170



Please Note: This application will be on file for one (1) year.



CITY OF TEXARKANA, AR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt a Joint Resolution of the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, and the City Council of the City of Texarkana, Texas supporting the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization 2023 RAISE Grant application for the State Line corridor improvements. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

AGENDA DATE: February 21, 2023

ITEM TYPE: Ordinance Resolution Other : _____

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

PREPARED BY: Heather Soyars

REQUEST: Adopt a resolution supporting a grant application for the State Line corridor.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE: N/A

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation released a Notice of Funding Opportunity in November 2022 for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for Fiscal Year 2023.

This provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. The eligibility requirements of RAISE allow project sponsors at the State and local levels to obtain funding for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to support through traditional DOT programs.

Rural areas (population of less than 200,000) can apply for up to \$25,000,000 with no match requirements.

The total project Estimate: \$56,316,829.31

Grant request: an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000
A portion estimated total will be covered by the MPO, as well as TxDOT and ARDOT.

EXPENSE REQUIRED: N/A

AMOUNT BUDGETED: N/A

**APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:** N/A

**RECOMMENDED
ACTION:** The City Manager and staff recommend approval.

EXHIBITS: Joint Resolution, 2023 RAISE grant, and letter.

Texarkana, Arkansas: Resolution No. _____

Texarkana, Texas: Resolution No. 2023-019

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS, AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 RAISE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE STATE LINE CORRIDOR IMPROVMENTS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Notice of Funding Opportunity for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization is applying for the RAISE grant maximum request allowed; and

WHEREAS, the two Cities and Metropolitan Planning Organization have a shared interest in the improvements to the State Line Corridor; and

WHEREAS, this project demonstrates a valuable contribution to both cities’ continuing efforts towards building and maintaining pedestrian, bicycle, and transit amenities in our community and improving the gateway of Texarkana, USA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS, AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the Board of Directors for the City of Texarkana, Arkansas and the City Council of the City of Texarkana, Texas, hereby approves the support of the Texarkana

Metropolitan Planning Organization 2023 RAISE Grant Application for State Line Corridor Improvements.

SECTION 2: This Joint Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by both Cities.

Texarkana, Arkansas: PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of February, 2023.

Texarkana, Texas: PASSED AND APPROVED in Regular Council Session on this the ____ day of _____, 2023.

TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS:

TEXARKANA, TEXAS:

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

Bob Bruggeman, Mayor

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

Heather Soyars, City Clerk

Jennifer Evans, City Secretary

APPROVED:

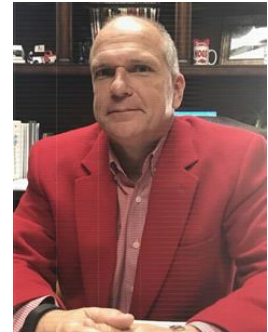
APPROVED:

Joshua Potter, Interim City Attorney

Jeffery C. Lewis, City Attorney

TEXARKANA, USA

Twice as Nice



February 13, 2023

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Re: Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization 2023 RAISE Grant Application State Line Corridor Improvements

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

In response to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Notice of Funding Opportunity for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program, we are writing to you to provide our support for Texarkana's State Line Corridor project.

Furthermore, it is our understanding that the project is currently in design by ARDOT and can be moved to construction ready documents rapidly if funding for the construction is made available for the program. We also understand the project has financial support already from both states and both local municipalities. It supports the goals of both cities and both the Texas Department of Transportation as well as the Arkansas Department of Transportation by providing safe, efficient, and intelligent transportation infrastructure improvements.

In conclusion, we believe that this project demonstrates a valuable contribution to both cities continuing efforts towards building and maintaining pedestrian, bicycle, transit amenities in our community and improving the gateway of Texarkana, USA.

Thank you for your consideration of funding for this project proposal.

Sincerely,

Allen Brown
Mayor of Texarkana, Arkansas

Bob Bruggeman
Mayor of Texarkana, Texas

FY 2023 RAISE

A Unique Undertaking - Placemaking in Two States,
State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor

Transportation Discretionary Grant Proposal

Presented to:

Department of Transportation

Presented by:

Lead Organization -

Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization

Representing -

Texarkana, USA Metropolitan Area in Texas, and Arkansas

Partner Organizations:

City of Texarkana, Arkansas City of Texarkana, Texas

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I. Project Description (See D.2.i)

A unique undertaking, Placemaking in Two States - State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor sets a bold vision for future growth of the twin city corridor located in Texarkana, USA on the Texas and Arkansas border. Originally established as a railroad and industrial center, Texarkana, USA has grown into a regional agriculture, retail, transportation, and wholesale service center. This corridor is also considered part of the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) being a non-interstate road available for use by the military¹.

Texarkana recognizes the need to create a cohesive vision to guide the future growth of the corridor shared by Texas and Arkansas. As a result, the community recently completed a nine month long State line Avenue Corridor that utilized the public's input to discuss future objectives and to identify existing key corridor conditions and issues. From over 500 residents and public comments received, the final plan presents two preferred alternatives for the future design of the corridor that this application seeks funding for.

As a part of the planning process, it was noted that State Line Avenue is currently a major safety hazard for all users with 282 crashes in the last 6 months of 948,2021 alone, including six seriously injured. The road is in desperate need of repair not only to mitigate safety issues but also to tackle the eyesore the avenue has become with a lack of oversight (See Appendix 5 for photographs of the current state).

From an economic standpoint, State Line Avenue falls within an opportunity zone due to the demographics of the avenue, allowing for favorable circumstances for growth to aid local people. Over the past five years, over \$75 million in private investment has occurred along the corridor and in the downtown area. However, a full scale renovation is needed to reinstate State line Avenue as a prime corridor of Texarkana, one that is safe, eco-friendly, economically vital, and able to display the uniqueness of its bi-state status.

The project will rehabilitate a 3.25-mile major artery and create a cultural district along State Line Avenue (US 71, US 59) connecting IH 30 with Union Train Station/Amtrak in downtown Texarkana, USA. The project is a working expression of the community through improved culturally relevant transportation infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists while serving automobiles and trucking with a better connection to the heart of downtown. The application of complete streets will greatly improve the safety of all transportation users on State Line Avenue while providing a more welcoming environment for tourists and community use of the space. Placemaking in Two States will artistically delineate neighborhoods and their services, advance public safety, efficiently link people to economic, medical, and social activities, and provide

¹ The Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) is a system of roads for emergency mobilization and movement of heavy armor, fuel, ammunition, repair parts, food, and other commodities to support U.S. military operations.

https://www.sddc.army.mil/sites/TEA/Functions/SpecialAssistant/STRAHNET/_STRAHNET%20101.pdf

spaces that connect people to the vitality of the interstate and the opportunities resulting from revitalization in the downtown.

Enhancements resulting from the project include increased pedestrian mobility, intersection treatments, roadway/pedestrian lighting, bicycle access, traffic management improvements, innovative stormwater management, redeveloped land uses, and the creation of the State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor, which is an overlay district spanning Arkansas and Texas.

State Line Avenue is a unique corridor that serves as the boundary between Texas and Arkansas and the primary roadway for drivers traveling from IH 30 to downtown Texarkana. The roadway is five lanes with a center turn lane and discontinuous sidewalks. The project consists of the rehabilitation of existing State Line Avenue from W 52nd (TX) and E 49th (Ark) Street, at the IH 30 intersection, to Front Street, approximately 3.25 miles.

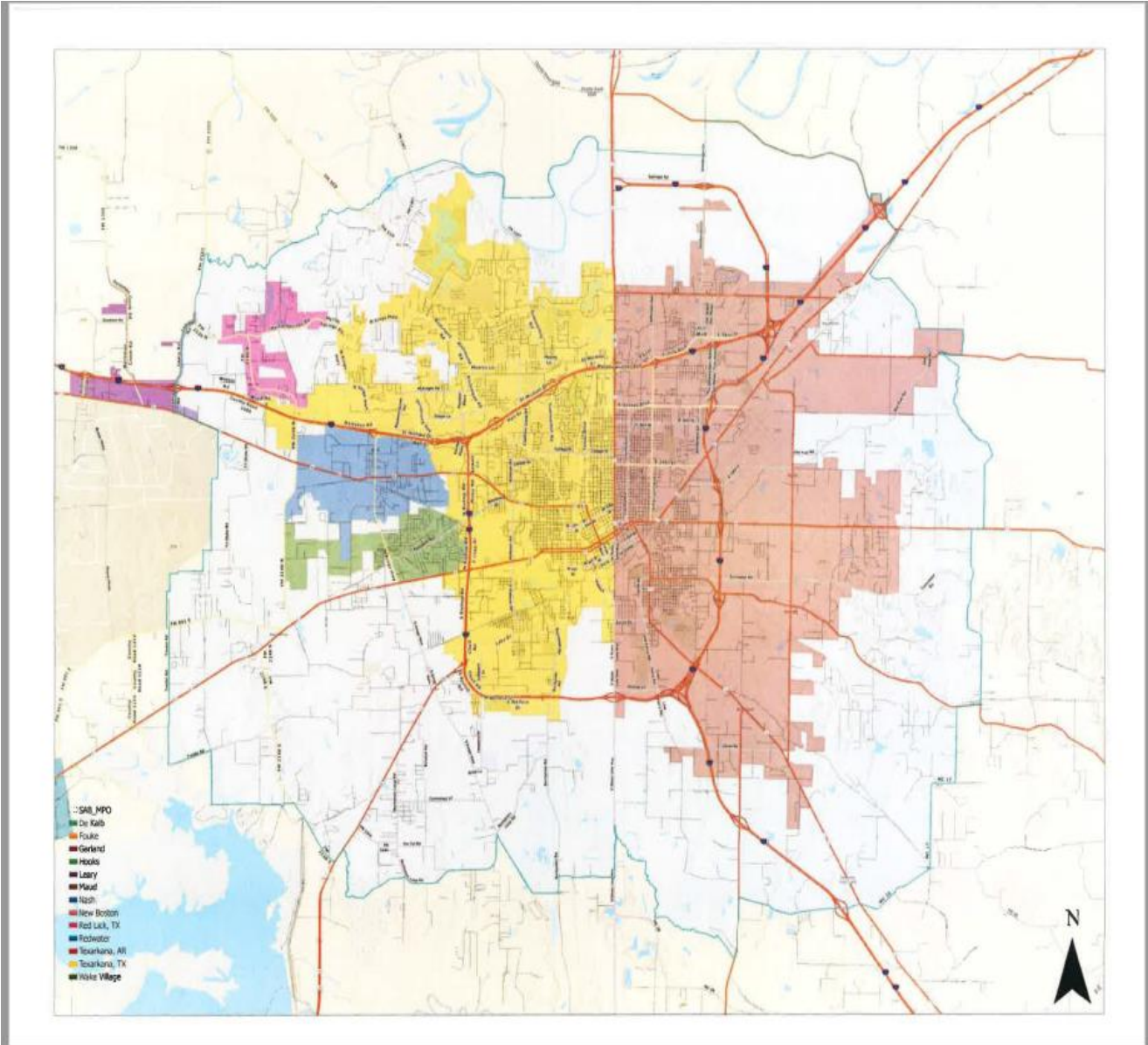
The Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) plans to coordinate the State Line Avenue: Placemaking in Two States project which is estimated at fifty-six million dollars. Texarkana MPO requests consideration of \$25,000,000, and we will provide local and state funds through other non-federal sources for \$27,762,820. This constitutes a program of projects that will run concurrently, are essential for maximizing benefits for Texarkana, USA, and represent the intentions of Texarkana residents, businesses, and organizations in the community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Eligibility Applicants

The Texarkana MPO, the City of Texarkana, Arkansas and the City of Texarkana, Texas are eligible applicants as the area's MPO and two local governments, (Figure 1). Texarkana MPO is the lead applicant and the City of Texarkana; Texas will take primary responsibility for implementing the RAISE portion of this project. Texarkana's MPO office provides the ideal intermediary between the multiple jurisdictions represented along the State Line Avenue Corridor, coordinating transportation planning and projects along with the Departments of Transportation in Arkansas and Texas.

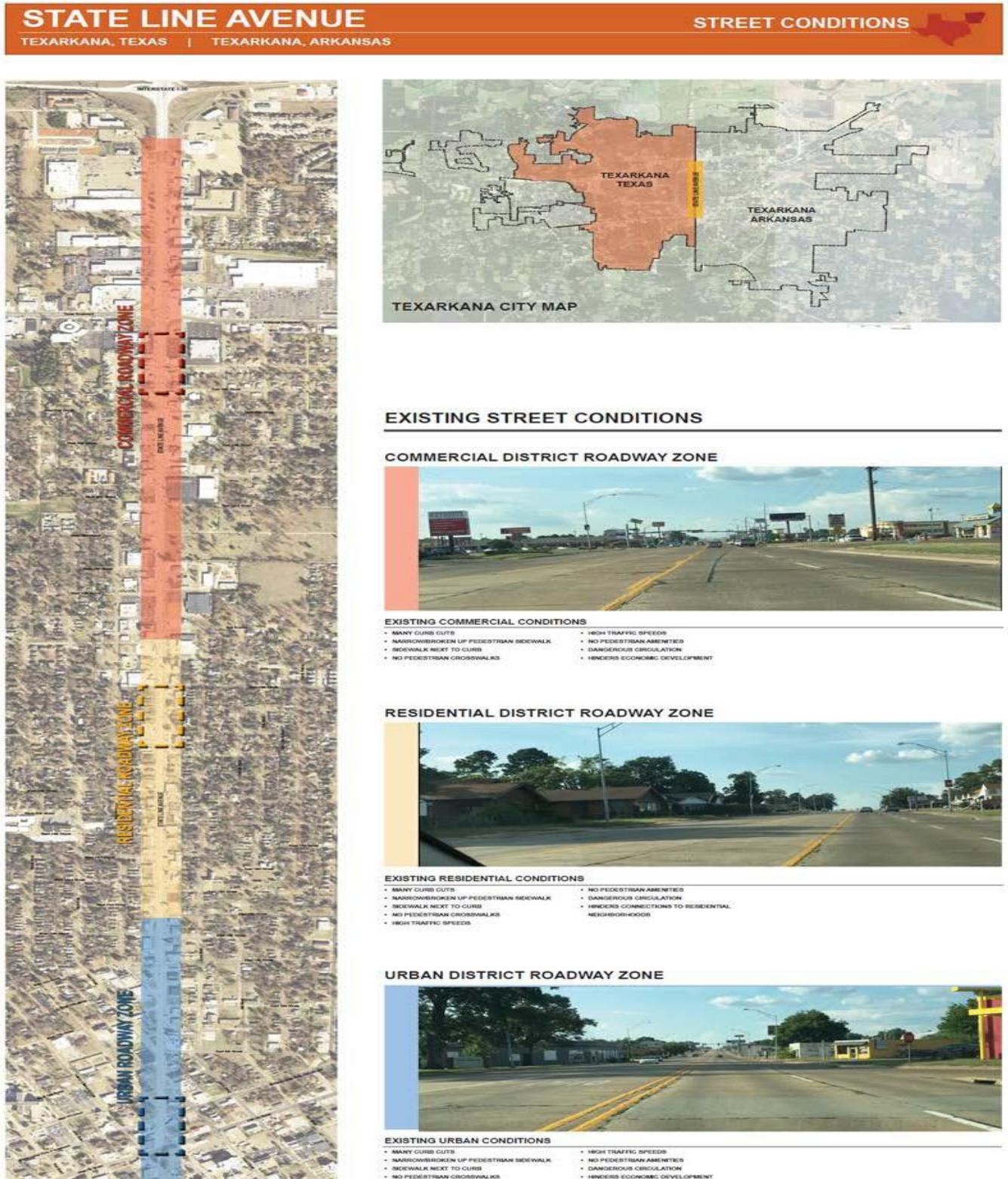
Environmental Review and Administrative tasks will be completed by the specified date, with all RAISE funds expended by September 30, 2031 as required. No TIGER/BUILD grants have been awarded in this Rural Area.

Figure 1: Texarkana Urbanized Area Overview Map



II. Project Location (See D.2.ii)

Figure 2: State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor Project Location and Overview



The proposed project includes an approximate 3.25-mile section of the State Line Avenue Corridor (US 71/US 59) in Texarkana, Texas and Texarkana, Arkansas from just south of the access interchange with IH 30 to Front Street, South of the United States Post Office and Federal Building. State Line Avenue terminates at the historic Union Train Station, connecting the entire project to the Amtrak station in Texarkana. See Appendix 2 for full maps.

Area boundaries. Those parcels which face State Line Avenue within from 3.25 mile from the south side of IH 30 to the Front Street Intersection, shown in the attached State Line Avenue Site Map with Zoning Districts.

From W 52nd (TX) and E 49th (Ark) Street to College Dr, State Line Avenue would be replaced with 4-12 ft lanes, 2- 13.5 ft lanes, 1- 14 ft turn lane, curb and gutter. An 8 ft multi-use path would parallel the curb on either side with a 5 ft buffer where possible. All wet utilities, storm drains, and lighting would be replaced and upgraded. All standards would follow TxDOT and ARDOT.

From TX/AR Blvd's to 7th street State Line Avenue would be replaced with 2-11 ft lanes, 2- 12.5 ft lanes, 1- 12 ft turn lane, curb and gutter. An 8 ft multi-use path would parallel the curb on either side with a 5 ft amenity zone where possible. All wet utilities, storm drain, and lighting would be replaced and upgraded. All standards would follow TxDOT and ARDOT.

Please see Appendix 2 for images with further details.

Each section will also include improvements to public transportation facilities (T-Line bus stops) to help reduce single passenger travel, cultural crossing experience, green space, street banners and gateway features. Each section will have frontage space that varies. Various businesses are currently being contacted to reduce the number of driveways to their businesses to help improve safety.

[Connections to Other Transportation Infrastructure.](#)

State Line Avenue constitutes a central roadway connecting motorists and mass transit riders along the East-West IH 30 with North-South ridership of US 71 and US 59. T-Line, Texarkana's public transit system, maintains stops along State Line Avenue and runs parallel to Texas Blvd where the T-line station is located. Bike share bicycles are available on the south end of the street for public use at the Federal Courthouse and the Texarkana Museum in the Urban District. Additionally, this roadway connects to US Highways 82, 67, and 59 via 7th Street. North State Line Avenue terminates at Union Train Station/Amtrak.

[Challenges – Why Now?](#)

The State Line Avenue Corridor Improvement Project presents the best opportunity in more than twenty years to address safety and basic roadway conditions for the primary entrance to Texarkana's downtown and historic district. It also presents an opportunity

to include improvements that will help address climate change impacts., while also creating jobs for citizens in and around the community.

Along this roadway, commercial and residential properties could provide much higher tax revenue with adequate investment in infrastructure that supports local, cultural expectations and needs. The plan is in the Texarkana MPO 2044 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and is the top ranked project in the Texarkana Regional Active Transportation Master Plan. The need for improved safety for bicyclists and pedestrians is well documented in plans created by both cities.

Progress has been made in improving accessibility on either side of the State Line Avenue. Texarkana, Arkansas, and Texarkana, Texas have worked with both states and federal agencies to improve the IH-30 access ramps, build out the intersection of State Line Avenue with Arkansas Blvd and Texas Blvd with a central landscaped island. Two-way street conversion downtown has been completed recently; the project added 170 additional parking spaces downtown by converting many previous parallel parking spots to angled parking. New crosswalks were installed throughout downtown and brick-patterned crosswalks were implemented around heavily trafficked intersections near the Perot Theatre. Bike sharrows were installed along with decorative stop signs and cultural district sign-toppers. These safety improvements in the three State Line Avenue corridor districts have greatly improved the safety and well-being of multi-modal transportation users.

However, it's become apparent that a connection between these two hotspots is in great need of repair which is why this project is necessary for the prosperity of Texarkana. By connecting the higher traffic counts near the freeway to the arts and historic district in downtown Texarkana, the projects already completed to enhance safety and efficiency for transportation will continue to have positive impacts on tourists and residents alike.

Transportation improvement challenges of State Line Avenue have persisted for many years, in part because of the nature of the roadway, with half of the street in one state and half of the street in the other. This two-state dilemma compounds the challenges as this city street also serves as United States highway, US 71 and US 59. Both Arkansas and Texas are planning to improve the road along the corridor; but, lack additional funding to address the opportunities presented by combining the road improvements within the broader context of other transportation investments. The combined states department of transportation's plan will rehabilitate the pavement and improve the ride along State Line Avenue and improve safety for motorists but would not address essential elements of a complete street like the placemaking, livability, economic, environmental, and safety aspects of this proposal.

Over the last five years, private investment downtown has been over \$72,860,000 and public investment over that same period has been over \$6,509,000. Texarkana, Texas has another \$9,980,000 planned in public infrastructure through the Capital Improvement Plan over the next 5 years. Improving our infrastructure will have a cascading effect on the ecosystem property values and property taxes, giving the cities a stronger basis for maintenance in the future.

Walking from your neighborhood to the grocery store should not be an exercise in bravery. Pedestrians and bicyclists need safe routes to work, school, and other services. Shade and shelter also improve the livability of districts like Texarkana's Urban District downtown. One aspect of this project, the Courthouse Square Initiative, is designed to improve walkability near the Federal Courthouse and Post Office in downtown Texarkana. This iconic landmark located in two states is believed to be the second most photographed courthouse in the U.S. The project included the addition of pedestrian crossings, bike lanes, landscaping, and ADA improvements for visitors to the courthouse. Funding for this project was set aside by the city of Texarkana, Texas. To address climate change, electric charging stations were installed as part of the Courthouse square project and to encourage more people to the Downtown area.

A sense of belonging and ownership, and the resulting care and concern, are apparent when people have the opportunity to participate in the public planning process. Texarkana has learned that this approach leads to better outcomes. Consequently, the public participation component is essential to the success of the State Line Cultural Corridor. Cultural enhancements like shared public spaces at a human scale lend themselves to community interaction. This project will also feature the work of George Tobolowsky from his "Bending the Rules II" exhibition, outdoor sculptures reflect the character of local people. The sculptures will be located at entrances to the three State Line districts. This public art permanent exhibit is a collaboration between the Texarkana Arts & Historic District partners, TRAHC, and the Cities. Texarkana, Texas's 2018 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant will assist with the permanent display costs.

In summary, momentum has been building for the renovation of State Line for some time now and has consequently become a key factor in the success of many projects. Without change along this main corridor, growth will remain stagnant and the work put into downtown Texarkana, USA, and the ramps onto IH 30 will have very little impact.

Multijurisdictional Corridor Overlay District

An essential component of the project for the cities of Texarkana, Arkansas, and Texarkana, Texas is the implementation of a district overlay plan that recognizes existing distinct features and functions of three sections of the State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor known as the Multijurisdictional Corridor Overlay District. See Appendix 6.

The purpose of this district is to provide appropriate design standards for the development of properties within the Multijurisdictional Corridor Overlay District (MCOB) Boundary. These standards recognize the area's unique development character and significance of this State Line boundary as an opportunity to promote growth for a more desirable place to live, work and shop along this corridor. The MCOB provides a set of cohesive standards for an area where the Texarkana, Arkansas, and Texarkana, Texas can vary; this overlay creates a clear-cut plan into what State Line Avenue will be after the implementation of this project. The zoning ordinance purpose and vision are paraphrased below:

Safety

- Increase pedestrian mobility by implementing sidewalks along the entire State Line Avenue corridor allowing it to become a protected alternative mode of transportation.

- Add intersection treatments to aid pedestrians in crossing State Line Avenue.
- Increase lighting along the roadway and sidewalks to make the area safer for pedestrians, bikers, and drivers by providing more visibility while reducing crime.
- Provide bicycle access with the addition of multimodal sidewalks and bike racks interspersed along State Line Avenue.
- Improve the general traffic management of the area which will ensure the safety of all who utilize the facilities along the main corridor.
- Provide for a more compact and integrated mix of land uses and densities that will encourage economic vitality, while maintaining and embracing the integrity of the existing single-family neighborhoods, efficient use of land and city services, and a strong sense of community

Economic Growth

- Provide State Line Avenue with landscaping, furnishings, and public art to enhance the area as a cultural keystone and provide the district with cohesive design elements that accommodate vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic.
- Enforce signage standards to reduce the clutter that already exists on State Line Avenue and create a more appealing street view while providing clear identity and information.
- Ensure that the character of both private and public buildings/structures reflect a sense of permanence and develop public pride through prominent locations with high-quality design, landscaping, materials, and construction.
- Identify and protect sceneries that contribute to the district's character by encouraging retail, restaurant, and residential uses with development standards designed to enhance the district's form, character, and function

Environmental Innovation

- Implement rainwater drainage systems using several techniques along State Line Avenue, such as a filter system that removes pollutants.
- Add vegetation along the roadway to create a greener landscape, which will in turn create a more breathable space
- Turn unused green space into parks, creating an opportunity for travelers and citizens to enjoy the outdoors
- Implement Solar Powered traffic management to encourage innovative technology and green energy uses along the corridor
- Encourage the use of the electric charging stations by the Courthouse

Compliance with this plan and all federal, state, and local requirements will be required. All property within the boundaries of the Corridor will adhere to the development standards within three distinct Districts. The use, height, and area regulations as set out are uniform throughout each district. The boundaries of the zoning districts are delineated by the State Line Avenue Site Map with Zoning Districts attached in Appendix 2.

- Commercial, northern section of State Line Avenue, closest to IH 30 ramps.
- Residential, center section of State Line Avenue, connects living, working, and shopping spaces.
- Urban, southern section of State Line Avenue runs into and through downtown connecting to Union Train Station/Amtrak.

III. Grant Funds, Sources and Uses of all Project Funding (See D.2.iii)

Program of Projects Expenses	Cost
<i>Contractual Construction/Engineering Construction (10% Contingency) (see for full budget)</i>	\$40,195,806.41
<i>Surveying & Design Engineering (10%)</i>	\$3,965,300.58
<i>Construction Engineering and Material Testing (10%)</i>	\$3,965,300.58
<i>Cultural Enhancements*</i>	\$1,422,500
Subtotal	\$48,948,907.58
<i>Courthouse Square (local funding)</i>	\$742,820
<i>National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Grant 2018</i>	\$20,000
Total Corridor Project Cost	\$56,316,829.31

*Cultural Enhancements include all transportation related improvements such as lighting, crosswalks, signage, public transport shelters, environmental protection, and stormwater management that are sensitive to the local culture and reflect that in design. See Appendix 6 for examples of culturally functional designs

PROGRAM OF PROJECTS INCOME:

BUILD REQUEST --\$25,000,000

	Revenue
BUILD REQUEST	\$25,000,000
<i>ARDOT</i>	\$12,000,000
<i>TXDOT</i>	\$12,000,000
<i>TEXARKANA MPO (CAT 2)</i>	\$3,000,000
COURTHOUSE SQUARE (LOCAL FUNDING)	\$742,820
<i>NEA Grant 2018</i>	\$20,000
TOTAL COST	\$49,711,727.58

This budget is based on projections developed in consultation with MTG Engineers and Surveyors, the State of Arkansas Department of Transportation, the State of Texas Department of Transportation, and the cities of Texarkana, Arkansas and Texarkana, Texas. The states are planning to fund the replacement of the roadway pavement, curb and gutter, and this application specifically asks for the funding to provide the cultural enhancements that will improve public

safety, provide more environmentally sensitive treatments, improve stormwater management, increase economic competitiveness and opportunities, and, just as importantly, tie the State Line Cultural Corridor District Overlay plan developed with consultation of Texarkana, USA citizens to the states' planned street improvements.

MTG Engineering and Surveying (MTG) provided consultation services as a community service. The budget includes funds for planning, engineering and surveying that will undergo open bidding processes according to federal, state and local rules and regulations.

The Arkansas Department of Transportation has planned to contribute \$12 million to the project, Texas Department of Transportation has pledged \$12 million. The Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization has set aside \$3 million, creating a total of \$27 million promised by local government towards this project. The remaining funds, \$21,948,907.58, comprise the RAISE grant request specific to the State Line Avenue corridor project. Additionally, one section of the Urban District includes the Courthouse Square project planned and budgeted by Texarkana, Texas. This section is locally funded and contributes to the value of the roadway. Texarkana, Texas was a recent recipient of National Endowment of the Arts grant which provided for enhancement and new additions of art in the Urban District, adding value to the State Line Avenue area as well.

Project Budget

Opinion of
Probable Cost

State Line Improvements

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	UNIT	TxDOT Item #	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	NEW UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	1	LS	500	Mobilization	\$375,000.00	2%	\$780,000.00
2	105	STA	100	Prep ROW	\$3,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$472,500.00
3	24	MO	502	Barricade, Sign, and Traffic Handling	\$7,500.00	\$11,000.00	\$264,000.00
Earthwork							
4	20,000	CY	110	Common Excavation	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$400,000.00
5	14,000	CY	132	Common Embankment	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$420,000.00
6	3,760	CY	132	Select Fill	\$18.00	\$30.00	\$112,800.00
7	3,760	CY	110	Undercut	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$75,200.00
Demolition and Abandonment							
8	68,922	SY	104	Remove Concrete Pavement	\$17.00	\$30.94	\$2,132,446.68
9	6,513	SY	104	Remove Concrete Sidewalk	\$12.00	\$18.44	\$120,099.72
10	10,029	SY	104	Remove Concrete Driveways	\$14.00	\$30.94	\$310,297.28
11	3,537	SY	105	Remove Asphalt Driveways	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$53,055.00
12	29,680	SY	105	Remove Asphalt Pavement	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$445,200.00
13	85	EA	610	Remove Light Pole and Foundations	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$85,000.00
14	140	EA	636	Remove Signs	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$10,500.00
15	22	EA	680	Remove Traffic Signal Pole and Foundation	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$88,000.00
16	22	EA	7124	Remove & Replace Fire Hydrant Assembly	\$3,700.00	\$4,500.00	\$99,000.00
17	14	EA	479	Remove & Replace Sanitary Sewer Manhole	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$70,000.00
18	16	LF		Remove or Abandon 2" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$20.00
19	2,618	LF		Remove or Abandon 4" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$3,272.50
20	3,880	LF		Remove or Abandon 6" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$4,850.00
21	4,455	LF		Remove or Abandon 8" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$5,568.75
22	2,468	LF		Remove or Abandon 10" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$3,085.00
23	2,638	LF		Remove or Abandon 12" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$3,297.50
24	8	LF		Remove or Abandon 16" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$10.00
25	883	LF	7127	Remove or Abandon 6" Sewer Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$1,103.75
26	281	LF	7127	Remove or Abandon 8" Sewer Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$351.25
27	96	EA		Remove Inlets	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$288,000.00
28	7,000	LF	472	Remove 18" RCP Culvert	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$175,000.00
29	458	LF	472	Remove 24" RCP Culvert	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$11,450.00
30	204	LF	472	Remove 30" RCP Culvert	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$5,100.00
31	2	EA		Remove Junction Box	\$1,250.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
32	13	LF	472	Remove 4X4 Box Culvert	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$975.00
33	5,570	LF	472	Remove 36" RCP Culvert	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$222,800.00
34	100	LF	472	Remove 42" RCP Culvert	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$5,000.00
35	70	LF	472	Remove 4X3 Box Culvert	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$5,250.00
36	60	LF	472	Remove 6X3 Box Culvert	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$4,500.00
Street & Storm Construction							
37	13,566	SY	530	Install Concrete Driveways	\$80.00	\$140.00	\$1,899,240.00
38	98,602	SY	360	Install Concrete Pavement	\$90.00	\$120.00	\$11,832,240.00
39	108,640	SY	260	Lime Treated Subgrade	\$4.00	\$4.50	\$488,880.00
40	2,173	TON	260	Lime	\$150.00	\$170.00	\$369,376.00
41	34,511	GAL	310	Asphalt Prime (MC-30)	\$4.75	\$5.00	\$172,553.50
42	21,692	TON	340	Asphalt Pavement Type D	\$115.00	\$193.00	\$4,186,640.92
43	96	EA	466	Install Inlets	\$5,500.00	\$7,000.00	\$672,000.00
44	7,000	LF	472	Install 18" RCP Culvert	\$48.00	\$75.00	\$525,000.00
45	458	LF	472	Install 24" RCP Culvert	\$55.00	\$90.00	\$41,220.00
46	204	LF	472	Install 30" RCP Culvert	\$72.00	\$115.00	\$23,460.00
47	2	EA	466	Install Junction Box	\$6,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
48	13	LF	472	Install 4X4 Box Culvert	\$400.00	\$640.00	\$8,320.00
49	5,570	LF	472	Install 36" RCP Culvert	\$75.00	\$120.00	\$668,400.00
50	100	LF	472	Install 42" RCP Culvert	\$80.00	\$130.00	\$13,000.00
51	70	LF	472	Install 4X3 Box Culvert	\$375.00	\$600.00	\$42,000.00
52	60	LF	472	Install 6X3 Box Culvert	\$550.00	\$880.00	\$52,800.00
53	140	EA	636	Install Signs	\$850.00	\$950.00	\$133,000.00
54	22	EA	680	Install Traffic Signal Pole and Foundation	\$100,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$2,860,000.00
55	367		666	Pavement Marking Symbols & Words	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$100,925.00
56	3,500		666	Pavement Marking (W) 8" SLD	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$3,500.00

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57	3,500		666	Pavement Marking (W) 24" SLD	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$70,000.00
58	4,000		666	Pavement Marking (W) (4") BRK	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$4,000.00
59	4,000		666	Pavement Marking (W) (4") SLD	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$4,000.00
60	40,000		666	Pavement Marking (Y) (4") SLD	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$40,000.00
61	2,000	EA	666	Raised Pavement Marker	\$2.60	\$3.00	\$6,000.00
62	1	LS	668	Construction Pav Markings	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
63	23,333	LF	506	Ins tall Silt Fence/Straw Wattle	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$93,332.00
64	5	EA	506	Ins tall Concrete Washout	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$4,250.00
65	96	EA	506	Ins tall Inlet Protection	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$38,400.00
Utilities							
66	85	EA	610	Ins tall Street Light Pole and Fixture	\$3,100.00	\$3,500.00	\$297,500.00
67	85	EA	610	Ins tall Street Light Pole Foundation	\$650.00	\$1,500.00	\$127,500.00
68	64	EA		Ins tall Gate Valves	\$275.00	\$440.00	\$28,160.00
69	16	LF		Ins tall 2" Water Line	\$10.00	\$16.00	\$256.00
70	2,618	LF	5314	Ins tall 4" Water Line	\$16.00	\$45.00	\$117,810.00
71	3,880	LF	5314	Ins tall 6" Water Line	\$18.00	\$40.00	\$155,200.00
72	4,455	LF	5314	Ins tall 8" Water Line	\$21.00	\$50.00	\$222,750.00
73	2,468	LF	5314	Ins tall 10" Water Line	\$24.00	\$55.00	\$135,740.00
74	2,638	LF	5314	Ins tall 12" Water Line	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$158,280.00
75	8	LF	5314	Ins tall 16" Water Line	\$40.00	\$85.00	\$620.00
76	1,164	LF	7017	Ins tall 8" Sewer Line	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$69,840.00
Pedestrian/Bike Facilities							
77	14,600	LF	531	8' Shared Use Path (Both Sides)		\$130.00	\$1,898,000.00
78	284	EA	531	Ins tall Curb Ramps	\$1,750.00	\$2,270.00	\$644,680.00
79	3	EA		Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon System Crossing		\$65,000.00	\$195,000.00
80	150	EA		Pedestrian Ornamental Street Lights (18')		\$5,500.00	\$825,000.00
Street Furniture							
81	15	EA		T-Line Bus Shelters & Benches	\$2,250.00	\$12,000.00	\$180,000.00
82	60	EA		Trash Receptacle (Metal)		\$1,500.00	\$90,000.00
83	10	EA		Bicycle Rack (Metal)		\$1,000.00	
84	60	EA		Pedestrian Bench (Metal)		\$3,000.00	
85	1	LS	162	Landscape			\$0.00
Cultural Enhancements							
86	5,800	LF		Upgraded Stamped Concrete Cross Walks		\$125.00	\$725,000.00
87	450	EA		Street Banners & Brackets		\$750.00	\$337,500.00
88	2	EA		Colossal Flag (150' Tall)		\$35,000.00	\$70,000.00
89	2	EA		Flag Lighting		\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00
90	2	EA		Columns (16' Masonry Pair)		\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
91	4	EA		Twin Parks Concept (Allowance per park)		\$45,000.00	\$180,000.00
92	1	EA		Stateline Crossing Experience		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

Total Amount of Bid-Items 1 through 83						\$37,653,005.83
			Contingency	10%		\$3,765,300.58
			Surveying & Design Engineering	10%		\$3,765,300.58
			Construction Engineering/Material Testing	10%		\$3,765,300.58
			Total			\$48,948,907.58



IV. Merit Criteria (See D.2.iv. (1))

(a) Safety

In nearly every year since 1995, Texarkana's rate of persons involved in fatal accidents (per 100,000 population) has outpaced that of the State of Texas. In the last six months of 2021 alone, there were 282 crashes on State Line Avenue with 74 of possible injury, 7 with serious injury; the fatality involving a pedestrian². People report that they would like to feel safe walking along this corridor, visiting shops and obtaining essential services; Improving the safety of the street by 30% would bring the number of fatalities per 100,000 to 24.43. This would be a little higher than the state rate but a great difference in our current rate of fatal accidents.

According to the Texas and Arkansas Department of Transportation's Traffic Count Study, Texarkana exhibits an average daily traffic count (ADT) of 27,000 at the entrance to State Line Avenue, coming from the IH 30 ramp and heading south toward downtown. That traffic doesn't make it to downtown as the ADT is only 6,900 at the intersection of State Line and Texas State Hwy 82/ East 7th Street. If the predominant use of the northern section of State Line is where most of the fatal accidents occur, then it becomes apparent that measures should be taken to provide a safer environment for various uses of transportation. As the traffic slows moving south, the safety measures put in place align with this trend, ensuring that all users of this avenue remain protected. The current infrastructure does not entice people to drive, ride or walk in these areas due to hazardous and uncomfortable conditions. Currently, few areas of the street have adequate sidewalks, the lighting is insufficient, there are no shelters for public transportation users, and intersections have no ADA appropriate crosswalk technology deployed to assist persons with disabilities. In the summers the lack of shelter and tree cover creates a heat island affect, making the street unbearably hot for pedestrians or those waiting on the public Transit, T-line. In winter and in the rain, the street has no tree breaks to slow the wind and rain as many intersections flood due to inadequate stormwater management; again, the users of public transportation are at a loss as they are no shelters for protection against unfortunate weather circumstances. This project will rectify those problems, making the street safe for all transportation uses and more livable.

(b) State of Good Repair

More than thirty years have passed since the last major reimagining of State Line Avenue. In the meantime, the two states and two municipalities have worked on repairing and improving the street in a piecemeal fashion, resulting in inconsistent and often inadequate repairs with no consistent materials or design scheme. Sidewalks are only sometimes available, crosswalks are dangerous if they exist at all. Sections of the road fill with water when there are heavy rains. The concrete and asphalt voids then fill with water and can swell and crack during freeze, creating potholes, cracked slabs and a general sense of neglect on this important thoroughfare.

It is essential that the State Line Cultural Corridor project proceed as a jointly designed and implemented project. Both states and local government are committed to long term, aesthetically

² Data retrieved from Texarkana, Texas and Arkansas Police Department reports. (TTPD and TAPD)

consistent maintenance. The road itself is in dire need of repair; since it is concrete the departments of transportation for both Texas and Arkansas have agreed it is best to completely rehabilitate the avenue, ensuring a higher quality if this grant is awarded. The estimated yearly cost to maintain Stateline Avenue varies per year. The maintenance costs will be reduced by the road renovation and will be maintained with better practices to reduce maintenance costs in the future. If this project is a recipient of grant funding, Stateline Avenue will be managed by the DOTs of Texas and Arkansas. The landscaping added will fall under the city's care.

(c) [Economic Competitiveness](#)

The Renew Texarkana Comprehensive Plan and State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor conceptual design used an innovative nodal approach to create a plan focused on revitalizing neighborhoods along the corridor and creating activity centers with enhanced education and employment opportunities. Both cities have been successful in working through this approach in downtown. Using local, state, and federal resources to improve infrastructure has attracted private investment and generated partnership opportunities to further improve the area's economic competitiveness. The table below displays the combined private investments, totaling over \$72 million, these improvements have generated:

Table 1: Texarkana State Line & Downtown Development Activity - 5 Previous Years

<i>New Business Name</i>	<i>TX/AR</i>	<i>Investment (approx.)</i>
<i>Silvermoon on Broad</i>	TX	\$4,500,000
<i>Burman Pharr Phase II</i>	AR	\$10,000,000
<i>1894 City Market Lofts</i>	AR	\$4,500,000
<i>Brim Healthcare of Texas</i>	TX	\$26,800,000
<i>Sidewalk Project</i>	TX	Information Not Available
<i>Pecan Point Brewing</i>	TX	\$350,000
<i>Berridge Bikes</i>	TX	\$200,000
<i>Grim Hotel Investments</i>	TX	26,000,000
<i>Mother Kelly's</i>	TX	\$50,000
<i>Beauty Barr</i>	TX	Information Not Available
<i>Discovery Place Façade Work</i>	TX	Information Not Available
<i>Verona Italian Restaurant</i>	AR	\$150,000
<i>Texarkana National Bank & Garage</i>	AR	\$110,000
<i>Johnny B's</i>	AR	\$150,000
<i>Murals</i>	AR	Information Not Available
<i>Redbone Brewery</i>	TX	Information Not Available
<i>Joseph Raymond Gallery</i>	AR	Information Not Available
<i>Central Fire Station cons.</i>	TX	In progress
<i>Third Street Motors</i>	TX	In progress
<i>Jason Horton Law Firm</i>	TX	\$50,000
<i>Perot Renovation</i>	TX	Information Not Available
<i>Sculpture Art</i>	TX	Information Not Available
<i>Lamp Posts</i>	TX	Information Not Available
<i>Goesl's Building – Private Dev</i>		Information Not Available
<i>Crossties</i>	TX	Information Not Available
<i>Hideout Sports Billiard</i>	AR	Information Not Available
<i>Banana Club</i>	AR	Information Not Available
<i>1894 Market & Gallery</i>	AR	Information Not Available
<i>Apartments – Peavy Building</i>	AR	Information Not Available
<i>Columbia Property cons 3rd/Main</i>	TX	Information Not Available
<i>Sears Building cons. – Potter</i>	TX	Information Not Available
Total Investment (5 Years)		\$72,860,000

Texarkana is considered an Opportunity Zone for economic development which makes the State line Avenue project crucially needed to better connect people throughout the area. Even more so,

this project is able to reduce transportation costs by providing the opportunity for people to walk or bike using sidewalks or utilize public transportation in a safer more comfortable manner. This reduces the need to drive a car everywhere, which not only reduces costs but also allows those with low income (lower mobility/does not own a vehicle) to be able to participate more in the local economy, as they would be able to access more of State Line and the amenities there.

The State Line Avenue project will increase reliability and long-term efficiency by reviving the road itself and providing better sidewalks and crosswalks which allow more people to choose various forms of transportation instead of being confined to using automobiles.

This project does aid the US economy as Stateline serves as a major thoroughfare into Texarkana for freight movement; by updating this artery we continue the shipping of important goods to and from Texarkana, engaging in the global economy through commerce.

The population of Texarkana, USA now stands at 67,521, consisting of 43% minority residents, with 57% minority in the lowest income census tracts and Opportunity Zones. 56% of the minority population in those areas are African Americans. Conversely in the state of Arkansas, the percentage of the population reporting as minorities is at 26.9% with Texas reporting 59%. The per capital income of \$14,901 in the core of Texarkana is a scant 53% of the national average and median household income is \$25,888, 48% of the national figure. Texarkana’s poorest and highest minority populations live in and around Texarkana Opportunity Zones. The revitalization of Stateline avenue will improve access for visitors and these population members to key amenities in Texarkana such as jobs, healthcare, food and gasoline.

Table 1: Demographics

Source Listed in Footnotes ³	Bowie Co, TX	Miller Co, AR	TX	AR	USA
Population	92,893	42,600	29,145,505	3,011,524	331,449,281
Unemployment	4.7%	6.9%	4.8%	3.2%	3.8%
Poverty Rate	17.4%	19.2%	13.4%	15.2%	13.4%
Minority	32.9%	29.9%	50.2%	15.4%	36.3%
Med HH Income	\$51,200	\$50,900	\$55,200	\$54,800	\$67,521
African American	24.8%	25.4%	11.90%	15.50%	14%
Public Assist/SNAP	16.70%	16.60%	14.3%	17.2%	12%
Not in Labor Force	46.40%	40.30%	35.30%	41.30%	36.30%
Per Capita Income	\$27,095	\$23,729	\$26,999	\$22,798	\$28,155
Children	23.6%	23.3%	25.5%	23.2%	23.30%
Female	49.9%	50.8%	50.3%	50.9%	50.80%

³ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/texarkanacity>

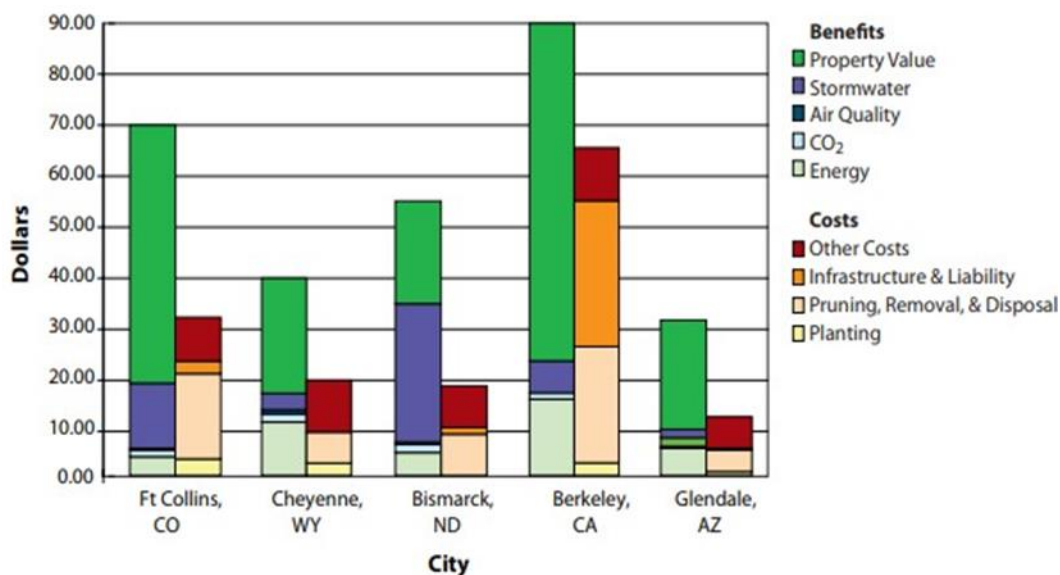
Bach Degree +	20.6%	14.5%	29.9%	23.0%	35%
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Improving transportation infrastructure so that there is neighborhood cohesion, a sense of pride and walkable streets with convenient public transportation will be essential for this corridor’s residents to thrive. By doing so, the project will expand opportunities for all people to have access to essential services such as jobs or healthcare.

(d) Environmental Protection

The State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor conceptual design has several strategies aimed at managing stormwater runoff and increasing environmental protections along the corridor. The plan includes increasing the natural green space along the corridor by adding five-foot buffers, native landscaping, bioswells, rainwater gardens pilot areas, stormwater filters, and appropriate street trees.

Figure 9: Total Annual Benefits versus Costs (Per Tree)



Net benefits were positive for all five cities, ranging from \$21 per tree in Cheyenne to \$38 per tree in Ft. Collins. Blue and green categories indicate benefits; red, orange, and yellow indicate costs.

As environmental issues, sustainability and resiliency continue to stay at the forefront of what cities must combat; trees will not cease to be a dependable, easy solution to reduce carbon emissions and create a more breathable community. “A 2006 field study found that about 15,000 inventoried street trees in Charleston, South Carolina, were responsible for an annual net reduction of over 1,500 tons of CO₂. These benefits were worth about \$1.50 per tree, based on average carbon credit price”⁴

⁴ (McPherson, E.G., J.R. Simpson, P.J. Peper, S.L. Gardner, K.E. Vargas, J. Ho, S. Maco, and Q. Xiao. 2006. City of Charleston, South Carolina Municipal Forest Resource Analysis. Center for Urban Forest Research, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest

“The net benefit of trees has been found to outweigh the cost by as much as three to one. The net annual benefits of street trees have been estimated to range from \$30 to \$90 per tree. The initial cost of planting new trees can be substantial, ranging from \$200 to \$400 per tree,”⁵

McPherson, et al. published a chart, shown above, depicting the increases in property value that seems to soar with the addition of trees, whereas the costs to plant and maintain remain lower than the overall benefits. Storm water management and energy saving benefits seems to rank as second highest benefits, making trees a solution to not just the lack of shade issue, but also in reducing flooding and money spent on air conditioning. For Texas heat, one tree placed near a building could make a difference in hundreds of dollars for business and homeowners by producing savings of up to 56%, according to the USDA Forest service.

By all account’s trees seem to be the solution to many issues, they can take on the heat island effect and manage stormwater. Trees reduce carbon emissions and when placed near buildings can lower energy costs. They are affordable, and the maintenance is not overbearing, a practical answer to a city’s needs.

These improvements will increase, which reduces idling time, and by adding trees to better filter the stormwater runoff of Stateline this project will reduce the nitrogen oxides in the water and air; thereby reducing the pollution that the major avenue creates. The State Line Avenue project does keep in mind mitigating congestion and the heat island effect, mostly with the addition of trees 5 feet apart on either side of the road which will reap benefits for the transportation users, business owners, and visitors of Stateline Avenue.

(e) Quality of Life

Modeled after the APA’s Sustaining Places Initiative, the overall Comprehensive Plan and State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor conceptual design utilized a best practices framework by focusing on creating a livable, healthy community in harmony with nature, creating a resilient local economy, incorporating social equity, and maintaining strong regional ties. The overall vision that serves as the foundation for the plan recommendations is to ‘Renew connections and capitalize on opportunities to improve quality of life in Texarkana.’ This vision is supported by nine goal themes and fifty-four goals that are linked to each of the action items in the implementation strategy.

The major plan components are organized into two main chapters. The ‘Comprehensive City’ chapter makes recommendations for how Texarkana can be more sustainable and more equitable through land use decisions, transportation investments, parks and trail amenities, and urban design. The ‘Resilient Neighborhoods’ chapter presents scenarios for the redevelopment of downtown and gives strategies to revitalize three historic neighborhoods. The implementation

Research Station.)

⁵ (McPherson, E.G., J. R. Simpson, P. J. Peper, S. E. Maco, and Q. Xiao. 2005. Municipal Forest Benefits and Costs in Five US Cities. *Journal of Forestry*. 103(8):411-416.)

chapter identifies priorities, partnerships, and funding mechanisms for implementing those visions.

The average home in Texarkana owns two cars, with almost 88% of people reporting that they drive to work. Less than 1% report utilizing the public transport and only 1.21% reported walking. These numbers may seem outrageous, but without bus shelters, designated stops, and sidewalks why would anyone choose to utilize other transportation when the roadways are designed for only cars in mind. As the section on safety on State Line Avenue demonstrated it is dangerous to walk on State Line Avenue, and utilizing public transport is not a comfortable or accessible choice for many due to the conditions and location of the T-line bus stops. The State Line Avenue project will increase choices by providing sidewalks for the entirety of the avenue and bus shelters with better placement of stops by amenities. This will increase connectivity from people's jobs, to stores, and healthcare services along this road. With this project the hope is decrease car usage and promote healthier lifestyles, thereby increasing quality of life for many. Including providing safer and more attractive transportation alternatives for those who have less social or physical mobility.

(f) Innovation

The State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor conceptual design used an innovative nodal approach to create a plan focused on revitalizing neighborhoods along the corridor and creating activity centers with enhanced education and employment opportunities.

Throughout the community engagement and analysis process, existing activity nodes were revealed throughout the corridor. During development of the future land use plan, the major existing community and employment centers were evaluated, and future activity node opportunities were identified to complement those conditions. When implemented, additional development in these defined nodes can enhance and expand on existing conditions and add value in the city. The defined nodes throughout the corridor are ideal locations to add new employment and educational centers that build off existing community amenities.

The identified nodes can create locations for a variety of development opportunities where land use, transportation, recreation, investment, and employment opportunities could be better connected. This planning approach helped define diverse neighborhoods and build a more resilient community. It also helped to prioritize investments and policies to target strategic locations along the roadway.

Innovative Technologies

Innovative technologies to be deployed include solar powered crosswalks signals, public internet access, LED technology, place-making and wayfinding signage, permeable paving technologies, storm-water filtering, and smart intersection technology.

Infiltration/Flow-Through Planters

These are landscape features that are designed to capture and infiltrate runoff. Infiltration is the process through which stormwater runoff penetrates the soil from the ground surface, then flows through planters, which can be located next to a building or near parking areas or sidewalks. The

collected runoff during a storm event is then released into the soil. These are especially useful in tight urban spaces that need green space to manage stormwater efficiently and effectively.

Rain gutters created alongside sidewalks can manage stormwater and reduce flooding in nearby green space or impervious spaces. It's a more affordable route that still renegotiates stormwater drainage. (pictures for explanation purposes)



Cool Pavements

Cool pavements, whether impervious or permeable, create an opportunity to lessen the heat island effect and manage storm water more effectively.

“Cool pavements reflect solar energy, or they may absorb less energy due to a lower mass and moisture characteristics. Cool paving and accompanying strategies can reduce urban temperatures to achieve energy savings during hot weather. The savings from cool paving have not been separately quantified, but increased reflectivity (albedo) of both paving and roofing by 0.1 is estimated to provide 5 to 7% annual savings. Reflective paving also reduces nighttime lighting requirements, such as streetlights, providing direct energy savings. On parking areas, these pavements may provide improved security through improved illumination” This concept is something that will be discussed to see what other cities that have implemented this.

Innovative Project Delivery

Building support for the State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor conceptual design began with the monthly meetings of the Renew Texarkana Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee; key stakeholders that are involved in implementing the plan were members of the Steering Committee, including the Mayor and a City Council representative. Having these members as part of the Steering Committee fostered support for the plan early in the process and made the implementation process smoother.

Innovative Financing

State Line Avenue links two TIRZ districts with a federally designated Opportunity Zone, and four “Qualified Census Tracts” as designated by HUD because of the percentage of people of

Low to Moderate Incomes and the poverty rates of the neighborhoods. The project will leverage multiple sources of transportation and non-transportation financing including RAISE, National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Art Works, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds, federal transportation maintenance funds, state transportation maintenance funds, local funds using local water infrastructure and local funding from two separate municipalities

(g) **Partnership**

Key personnel representing their respective agencies in comprehensive planning and public works make up the project team. Project partners, Texarkana, Arkansas, Texarkana, Texas and the Texarkana MPO formed a working group to bring together the resources needed to apply regional planning, assessment, community engagement, environmental improvement, and redevelopment strategies to the Stateline Cultural Corridor project, traversing the multi-jurisdictional challenges posed by roads, rails, waterways, neighborhoods, and properties that straddle the state line. The Texarkana MPO is uniquely positioned to assist the two cities and two states, Texas DOT and Arkansas DOT, to bring this project to completion.

V. **Project Readiness (See D.2. iv. (2) and E.1.ii)**

(a) **Technical Feasibility**

Project resources have been dedicated to planning this project for more than seven years. Feasibility has been established by the Departments of Transportation for both Arkansas and Texas as well as the two Texarkana's public works departments. Relevant highly experienced technical advisors have contributed to the current plans

(b) **Project Schedule**

- (1) This project will be ready to begin expending funds as required by the statutory deadline of September 30, 2031 for FY 2022 funds and will run concurrently with Arkansas and Texas DOT State Line road construction. Texarkana expects to begin working on this project as soon as awards are announced following the schedule below:

2023: Contracts, Surveys, and other documents prepared. Public Meetings held.

2024 - 2026: Construction on State Line Avenue moving north from the Courthouse to 24th Street. Construction from 24th Street to 52nd Street/IH 30 ramps begin.
Construction from 24th Street to 52nd Street/IH 30 ramps completed.

2027: Close out processes initiated and completed.

2030: No significant activity. All funds expended prior to deadline.

- (2) The project can begin construction quickly. RAISE Transportation funds will be spent prior to the deadline of September 30, 2031.
- (3) No acquisition is necessary to establish right-of-way as referenced by 49 CFR part 24, 23 CFR part 710. This project will be implemented within the current footprint of State Line

Avenue's rights of way and public private partnership to decrease driveways as part of this project's plans.

(c) Required Approvals

(1) Environmental Permits and Reviews.

(a) NEPA status

Environmental reviews and NEPA clearances have been completed on multiple sections of State Line with other work by federal, state, and local resources. To date, environmental reviews have been routine, and have not posed significant challenges to any State Line projects in the past ten years.

Work on NEPA requirements will begin after the RAISE grant award announcement and before the 2026 obligation period, meaning some planning costs will be absorbed by the collection of projects due to concurrent status of the State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor with planned Arkansas DOT and Texas DOT work on State Line Avenue.

(b) Information on reviews, approvals, and permits by other agencies.

The Texarkana MPO, Texas Department of Transportation, and Arkansas Department of Transportation have committed to improving State Line Avenue and will work with the Texarkana MPO, Texarkana, Texas and Texarkana, Arkansas to complete approvals of planning and funding documents, formal and relevant permits.

State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor Project is a high priority project for this region. It is at the top of the list for the Texarkana MPO's Transportation Infrastructure Plan. The Arkansas Department of Transportation has approved \$12 million for their portion of State Line Avenue. The State of Texas has pledged \$12 million and to collaborate on the project in order to create the most cost effective and esthetically pleasing project.

Permits for the project will be obtained first by the State Departments of Transportation. The MPO and Cities will collaborate with the States to complete permitting as needed.

(c) Environmental studies or other documents

[http://texarkanampo.com/documents/program-documents/Title%20VI TXK 05192021 Signed%20Assurances.pdf](http://texarkanampo.com/documents/program-documents/Title%20VI%20TXK%2005192021%20Signed%20Assurances.pdf)

(d) A description of discussions with the appropriate DOT operating administration

The Texarkana MPO and both cities have engaged with the ARDOT and TxDOT to bring plans for improvements to State Line Avenue for many years. After more than five years, a strategy for moving forward has emerged. By allowing the MPO to act as a liaison for the cities and the states, the multi-jurisdictional issues can be overcome. The DOT's have decided that within their

portion of the project, ARDOT will lead. If RAISE funds are made available, the project can proceed as envisioned.

(d) Public Engagement

This region embarked on strategic planning processes to enhance Texarkana's economy through targeted, community inclusive planning processes. For example, the City of Texarkana, Texas considered the context of creating a new Comprehensive Plan⁶, evaluating and incorporating previous planning for the city and surrounding counties on both sides of the state line. The Metropolitan Planning Organization's Texarkana Urban Transportation Study/Plan (through 2035), the Texarkana Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan 2017, the 2017 Sidewalk Inventory and Analysis all address the issues of aging infrastructure, decreased tax base, lack of jobs for residents in these communities, and redevelopment challenges. Other examples of community planning include the Northeast Texas Workforce Development Strategic Plan which explains the need for planning efforts to focus on the transportation corridors and the importance of these efforts to the economy and workforce in the region.



Along with these challenges, residents have identified community opportunities, goals, and priorities.

The community engagement process throughout the development of the corridor plan has been and will continue to be extensive. During the 18-month Comprehensive Plan process, over 30 stakeholder interviews were evaluated, Steering Committee meetings were held monthly, and three interactive public workshops occurred to engage the public at multiple stages throughout the plan development process. At each of the public workshops, students from a local university came to the meetings and provided their input. This was a result of a partnership with Texas A&M University – Texarkana.

The three public engagement workshops had over 300 attendees and the project website had over 6,000 visitors over the course of the project. Another unique engagement effort was the Community Dine on the Line event. Each year, the Main Street Texarkana organization puts on an event that brings together residents of both Texarkana, Texas and Texarkana, Arkansas to have dinner and visit with one another on the state line. During the event in 2016 the project team had a booth and boards which helped solicit input from a variety of citizens from both sides of the state line and educated the public about the future planning effort.

⁶ https://www.ci.texarkana.tx.us/DocumentCenter/View/5051/Texarkana-Comp-Plan_2018-FINAL?bidId=

Both cities have followed their required public engagement plans to approve Comprehensive Plans that incorporated the input of the broadest possible input. Our citizens spoke loud and clear:



In 2021, an additional 9 month long State Line Avenue Corridor plan was completed by MTG Engineers & Surveyors⁷. This ambitious corridor study has utilized the public’s input from the very beginning of the study to discuss future objectives and to identify existing key corridor conditions and issues. To keep the community informed, there have been multiple public workshops to discuss the corridor plans and planning process. There were 3 meetings held and each made changes based on the input from those who attended in person or virtually. There was over 500 people that attended all the meetings combined. From there a vision statement was developed and designs and goals were developed from that. A Complete Street concept on State Line Avenue would be for the safety and mobility of the community, as well as using future design features to make the environment more inclusive to the public.

⁷ <http://www.texarkanampo.org/documents/publications/Final%20Corridor%20Plan.pdf>



Based on the concept, vision and goals, two alternatives were developed, and this project reflects ideas from both alternatives.

State and Local Approvals.

Both the Arkansas Department of Transportation and the Texas Department of Transportation have been deeply involved with planning for improvements to the State Line Cultural Corridor along with the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization and the cities of Texarkana, Arkansas and Texarkana, Texas. Relevant approvals have been obtained or will be obtained provided an award for the project is received. Both cities will present this award to their respective City Councils for approval by the duly elected Council Members representing the citizens of both cities before a final contract for the award can be signed by the cities. The Texarkana MPO has authority to move forward with this project as it is in the appropriate planning documents. They will work with a contractor awarded through a competitive bidding process to submit documents on behalf of the MPO as primary applicant for Environmental Clearance and final plan approvals as required by the RAISE grant and both state DOT's.

In both cities, the RAISE grant contract will require approval of the duly elected respective City Councils. This process takes approximately six weeks from start to finish. Texarkana MPO has a policy board that will likewise approve acceptance of the award before entering into a mutually binding contract.

Federal Transportation Requirements Affecting State and Local Planning.

The State Line Cultural Corridor Project is included in all relevant State, Regional (Texarkana MPO) and Local planning documents in accordance with federal transportation requirements as appropriate. Each entity is experienced with federal awards and the attendant responsibilities, having managed many federal grant programs over the years.

Assessment of Project Risks and Mitigation Strategies

Material Risks to the project include the following categories:

Risk Category	Most Significant Material Risks for This Project	Applicants’ Strategy for Mitigation
Environmental Risk	Design changes require additional Environmental analysis	Produce environment analysis for current designs
External Risks	Permits or agency actions delayed or take longer than expected. Or Health Crisis	Keep timeline up to date and provide a buffer for unforeseen circumstances
Design Risk	Incomplete quantity estimates	Ensure quantity estimates are done efficiently and effectively
Engineering Services Risk	Delay due to traffic management and lane closure for geotechnical subsurface exploration	Keep the public informed of all delays and provide alternate routes
Right of Way Risk	Utility relocation requires more time than planned	Keep timeline up to date and provide a buffer for unforeseen circumstances
Construction Risk	Inaccurate contract time estimates	Research and provide accurate contract time estimate and provide a time buffer before project end date
Project Management Risk	Unplanned work that must be accommodated	Utilize time buffer worked into timeline to accommodate new workload
Organizational Risks	Delays in getting approvals, decisions	Work efficiently and effectively towards finishing project, provide time buffer for unforeseen circumstances.

The DOT’s represented in this application have advised on the pre-requisite steps to obligate Federal funds to ensure the schedule is reasonable. The project timeline is well within reasonable expectations for completion, even if/when unforeseen risks become apparent. The three applications and two state DOTs’ have ample contract/road construction experience. A two-year time buffer was built into the program design to mitigate project delays.

The City of Texarkana, Texas has the capacity to manage the financial and contractual obligations of this project, including insuring that all federal grant requirements are met in a

timely manner. Both cities manage approximately \$40,000,000 budgets per year. Both cities also maintain large staffs and can bring more resources to this project to provide the financial, contractual, and reporting obligations.

VI. Benefit Cost Analysis (See D.2.vi. and E.1. iii.)

Benefit Cost Analysis Summary

State Line Avenue has a unique position as a corridor as it also functions as the state line for Texas and Arkansas. It plays a major role in the naming of Texarkana and therefore should be a focal point of the city; after all the city has touted it is “Twice as Nice.” However, as growth spreads outwards, State Line Avenue has been left in limbo; with growth only occurring sporadically and without regulations to create the eyesore we see today. It should be a boulevard into the heart of historic downtown Texarkana, a hub of culture for the area. Instead, it is a conglomerate of commercial, residential and urban with a dwindling safety resources and accessibility for visitors. State Line Avenue is in desperate need of an overhaul to become a main corridor, growth hot spot, eco-friendly, job-creating, and cultural center that it should be.

Benefit-Cost Ratio

The total value of benefits that would be accrued if the proposals for State Line Avenue were put in place is \$424,156,570.41. The total sum costs were \$ \$48,948,907.58. By using the benefit-cost ratio we receive a ratio of $\$424,156,570.41 / \$48,948,907.58 = 8.66$. The BCR is incredibly high, which means that the project has a plethora of benefits to outweigh the costs. This ratio represents that not only does the project have the potential to succeed in renovating State Line Avenue into a more positive experience, but it could transform the area into a prized cultural corridor.

Please see Appendix 1 for the Benefit Cost Analysis

Appendix 1: Benefit Cost Analysis.

Baseline

The current state of State Line Avenue is a 4-lane main corridor with a major intersection with IH 30 and is a main route into the historic downtown of Texarkana Texas and Arkansas. State Line Avenue encompasses commercial, residential and urban aspects along a 3-mile route, allowing for an abundance of opportunities for growth, though in many areas this has become stagnate over the years. Consistent commercial growth rallies around the IH 30 intersection, where travelers can exit for easy access. Because of this, the traffic is most heavy around the IH-30 intersection and lessens as the Avenue reaches downtown Texarkana. There are too many signaled intersections which slow traffic considerably during rush hours. Due to its lack of sidewalks and crosswalks, pedestrian and bicyclists face many safety issues while traveling on State Line Avenue. The traffic signs along the entire stretch only address vehicles, and because of this a “free-for-all” attitude about crossing State Line Avenue has ensued - a hazard for the pedestrians and cars alike. State Line Avenue has become a public safety concern in this regard. Recorded accidents for 2016 and 2017 show a cluster in the urban downtown area as being the most popular for collisions with minor injuries. However, this crash data does not represent the abundance of curb cuts on State Line Avenue, which makes turning and maneuvering especially difficult during high traffic hours. Though many bus stops are located along the main corridor for the Texarkana Public Transportation, T-line, there are few marked areas to wait; this creates dangerous situations for patrons of this service and traffic as a whole. The commercial area close to IH-30 benefits from a few better-landscaped areas, but these decline increasingly as State Line Avenue becomes residential and then urban. This increases environmental concerns regarding storm water runoff and pollution through emissions, which is not well managed by a lack of filtration systems and an abundance of impervious surfaces. As a main corridor of Texarkana, Texas and Arkansas it has been badly unkept, resulting in growing maintenance and operational costs that need to be addressed now while the economic climate is currently in a better state than in past years. State Line Avenue has suffered from loss of public interest due to growth moving eastward, resulting in an increasing loss in revenue, tourism, visitor dollars and tax revenue for the area. The local economy could be blamed for such a decline, especially in the recent recession, but State Line Avenue has failed to meet community needs for much longer. If the project is unable to be funded, this state of State Line Avenue will only continue, creating adverse effects for the local community and Texarkana as a whole. See Appendix 5 for photographs illustrating the current state of State Line Avenue.

Alternative

The proposed changes to State Line Avenue are to decrease lane widths to incorporate a more pedestrian and biker friendly atmosphere. The corridor would have six lanes for the commercial area in the north and maintain its four lanes the urban area in the south, with a center turn lane setup.

In addition, a buffer zone would be introduced with a brand-new sidewalk to accompany the entire State Line Avenue. The buffer zone would include added vegetation and trees; this will not only provide much needed shade for the Texas heat, but aid in stormwater management and emission reduction. Filtration systems will be added for stormwater management as well, helping to make State Line Avenue more nature friendly.

Bus Stops with benches and awnings will be introduced to provide cover for shade or unforeseen weather, while marking the spot where the T-line buses would be expected to stop for passengers. Crosswalks will be placed at all major intersections to create a safer way for pedestrians and bikers to cross one of the busiest roads in Texarkana. New signals will be set up in order to make pedestrians, bikers, vehicles and buses all travel smoothly together. The removal of 3 traffic lights along State Line Avenue will speed up traffic by twelve minutes, which will attract people to choose this route as an alternative and create better travel times during rush hours. The overarching goal is to improve quality of life on State Line Avenue; in turn, this will increase property values, and attract people to the historic downtown. As one of the main corridors of Texarkana is renovated to a more attractive, safe and dynamic space, the hope would be that it becomes the yellow brick road to an incredible cultural hot spot in downtown Texarkana, Texas and Arkansas.

Costs and Benefits

In order to perform a Cost-Benefit Analysis the costs of the proposed project must be outlined as well as the benefits. The costs of the proposed project are listed in Table 1 and the benefits in Table 2. The costs involve the technical work of redoing the lane widths, adding over 3 miles of sidewalks, and the addition of much needed safety upgrades. The benefits showcase how these costs will have a positive effect on Texarkana economically, naturally, culturally and aid in prosperity.

Opinion of
Probable Cost

State Line Improvements

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	UNIT	TxDOT Item#	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	NEW UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	1	LS	500	Mobilization	\$375,000.00	2%	\$760,000.00
2	105	STA	100	Prep ROW	\$3,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$472,500.00
3	24	MO	502	Barricade, Sign, and Traffic Handling	\$7,500.00	\$11,000.00	\$264,000.00
Earthwork							
4	20,000	CY	110	Common Excavation	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$400,000.00
5	14,000	CY	132	Common Embankment	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$420,000.00
6	3,760	CY	132	Select Fill	\$18.00	\$30.00	\$112,800.00
7	3,760	CY	110	Undercut	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$75,200.00
Demolition and Abandonment							
8	68,922	SY	104	Remove Concrete Pavement	\$17.00	\$30.94	\$2,132,446.68
9	6,513	SY	104	Remove Concrete Sidewalk	\$12.00	\$18.44	\$120,099.72
10	10,029	SY	104	Remove Concrete Driveways	\$14.00	\$30.94	\$310,297.26
11	3,537	SY	105	Remove Asphalt Driveways	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$53,055.00
12	29,680	SY	105	Remove Asphalt Pavement	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$445,200.00
13	85	EA	610	Remove Light Pole and Foundations	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$85,000.00
14	140	EA	636	Remove Signs	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$10,500.00
15	22	EA	680	Remove Traffic Signal Pole and Foundation	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$88,000.00
16	22	EA	7124	Remove & Replace Fire Hydrant Assembly	\$3,700.00	\$4,500.00	\$99,000.00
17	14	EA	479	Remove & Replace Sanitary Sewer Manhole	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$70,000.00
18	16	LF		Remove or Abandon 2" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$20.00
19	2,618	LF		Remove or Abandon 4" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$3,272.50
20	3,880	LF		Remove or Abandon 6" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$4,850.00
21	4,455	LF		Remove or Abandon 8" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$5,568.75
22	2,468	LF		Remove or Abandon 10" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$3,085.00
23	2,638	LF		Remove or Abandon 12" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$3,297.50
24	8	LF		Remove or Abandon 16" Water Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$10.00
25	883	LF	7127	Remove or Abandon 6" Sewer Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$1,103.75
26	281	LF	7127	Remove or Abandon 8" Sewer Line	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$351.25
27	96	EA		Remove Inlets	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$288,000.00
28	7,000	LF	472	Remove 18" RCP Culvert	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$175,000.00
29	458	LF	472	Remove 24" RCP Culvert	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$11,450.00
30	204	LF	472	Remove 30" RCP Culvert	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$5,100.00
31	2	EA		Remove Junction Box	\$1,250.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
32	13	LF	472	Remove 4'X4' Box Culvert	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$975.00
33	5,570	LF	472	Remove 36" RCP Culvert	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$222,800.00
34	100	LF	472	Remove 42" RCP Culvert	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$5,000.00
35	70	LF	472	Remove 4'X3' Box Culvert	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$5,250.00
36	60	LF	472	Remove 6'X3' Box Culvert	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$4,500.00
Street & Storm Construction							
37	13,566	SY	530	Install Concrete Driveways	\$80.00	\$140.00	\$1,899,240.00
38	98,602	SY	360	Install Concrete Pavement	\$90.00	\$120.00	\$11,832,240.00
39	108,640	SY	260	Lime Treated Subgrade	\$4.00	\$4.50	\$488,880.00
40	2,173	TON	260	Lime	\$150.00	\$170.00	\$369,376.00
41	34,511	GAL	310	Asphalt Prime (MC-30)	\$4.75	\$5.00	\$172,553.50
42	21,692	TON	340	Asphalt Pavement Type D	\$115.00	\$193.00	\$4,186,640.92
43	96	EA	465	Install Inlets	\$5,500.00	\$7,000.00	\$672,000.00
44	7,000	LF	472	Install 18" RCP Culvert	\$48.00	\$75.00	\$525,000.00
45	458	LF	472	Install 24" RCP Culvert	\$55.00	\$90.00	\$41,220.00
46	204	LF	472	Install 30" RCP Culvert	\$72.00	\$115.00	\$23,460.00
47	2	EA	465	Install Junction Box	\$6,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
48	13	LF	472	Install 4'X4' Box Culvert	\$400.00	\$640.00	\$8,320.00
49	5,570	LF	472	Install 36" RCP Culvert	\$75.00	\$120.00	\$668,400.00
50	100	LF	472	Install 42" RCP Culvert	\$80.00	\$130.00	\$13,000.00
51	70	LF	472	Install 4'X3' Box Culvert	\$375.00	\$600.00	\$42,000.00
52	60	LF	472	Install 6'X3' Box Culvert	\$550.00	\$880.00	\$52,800.00
53	140	EA	636	Install Signs	\$850.00	\$950.00	\$133,000.00
54	22	EA	680	Install Traffic Signal Pole and Foundation	\$100,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$2,860,000.00
55	367		666	Pavement Marking Symbols & Words	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$100,925.00
56	3,500		666	Pavement Marking (W) 8" SLD	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$3,500.00

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57	3,500		666	Pavement Marking (W) 24" SLD	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$70,000.00
58	4,000		666	Pavement Marking (W) (4") BRK	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$4,000.00
59	4,000		666	Pavement Marking (W) (4") SLD	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$4,000.00
60	40,000		666	Pavement Marking (Y) (4") SLD	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$40,000.00
61	2,000	EA	666	Raised Pavement Marker	\$2.60	\$3.00	\$6,000.00
62	1	LS	668	Construction Pav Markings	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
63	23,333	LF	506	Ins tall Silt Fence/Straw Wattle	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$93,332.00
64	5	EA	506	Ins tall Concrete Washout	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$4,250.00
65	96	EA	506	Ins tall Inlet Protection	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$38,400.00
Utilities							
66	85	EA	610	Ins tall Street Light Pole and Fixture	\$3,100.00	\$3,500.00	\$297,500.00
67	85	EA	610	Ins tall Street Light Pole Foundation	\$650.00	\$1,500.00	\$127,500.00
68	64	EA		Ins tall Gate Valves	\$275.00	\$440.00	\$28,160.00
69	16	LF		Ins tall 2" Water Line	\$10.00	\$16.00	\$256.00
70	2,618	LF	5314	Ins tall 4" Water Line	\$16.00	\$45.00	\$117,810.00
71	3,880	LF	5314	Ins tall 6" Water Line	\$18.00	\$40.00	\$155,200.00
72	4,455	LF	5314	Ins tall 8" Water Line	\$21.00	\$50.00	\$222,750.00
73	2,468	LF	5314	Ins tall 10" Water Line	\$24.00	\$55.00	\$135,740.00
74	2,638	LF	5314	Ins tall 12" Water Line	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$158,280.00
75	8	LF	5314	Ins tall 16" Water Line	\$40.00	\$65.00	\$520.00
76	1,164	LF	7017	Ins tall 8" Sewer Line	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$69,840.00
Pedestrian/Bike Facilities							
77	14,600	LF	531	8' Shared Use Path (Both Sides)		\$130.00	\$1,898,000.00
78	284	EA	531	Ins tall Curb Ramps	\$1,750.00	\$2,270.00	\$644,680.00
79	3	EA		Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon System Crossing		\$66,000.00	\$195,000.00
80	150	EA		Pedestrian Ornamental Street Lights (18')		\$5,500.00	\$825,000.00
Street Furniture							
81	15	EA		T-Line Bus Shelters & Benches	\$2,250.00	\$12,000.00	\$180,000.00
82	60	EA		Trash Receptacle (Metal)		\$1,500.00	\$90,000.00
83	10	EA		Bicycle Rack (Metal)		\$1,000.00	
84	60	EA		Pedestrian Bench (Metal)		\$3,000.00	
85	1	LS	162	Landscaping			\$0.00
Cultural Enhancements							
86	5,800	LF		Upgraded Stamped Concrete Cross Walks		\$125.00	\$725,000.00
87	450	EA		Street Banners & Brackets		\$750.00	\$337,500.00
88	2	EA		Colossal Flag (150' Tall)		\$35,000.00	\$70,000.00
89	2	EA		Flag Lighting		\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00
90	2	EA		Columns (16' Masonry Pair)		\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
91	4	EA		Twin Parks Concept (Allowance per park)		\$45,000.00	\$180,000.00
92	1	EA		Stateline Crossing Experience		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

Total Amount of Bid-Items 1 through 83				\$37,653,005.83
	Contingency	10%		\$3,765,300.58
	Surveying & Design Engineering	10%		\$3,765,300.58
	Construction Engineering/Material Testing	10%		\$3,765,300.58
	Total			\$48,948,907.58



Table 2. Benefits of the Alternatives with Assessed Values

Benefits	Value
Value of Travel Time Savings (North State Line Avenue)	\$75,923.85
Value of Travel Time Savings (Middle State Line Avenue)	\$61,922.76
Value of Travel Time Savings (South State Line Avenue)	\$43,267.65
Safety Benefits	\$388,573,650.60
Emission Reduction	\$90,096.00
Property Value Increase	\$4,027,975.88
Reliability	Qualitative*
Light Pole, Fixture, and Foundation	\$425,000.00
Sidewalks and Ramps	\$9,758,820.00
New Traffic Signals	\$2,860,000.00
Bus Stop Benches and Aprons	\$180,000.00
Cultural Enhancements	\$1,422,500.00
Tourism	\$5,347,927.00
Trees and Landscaping	\$566,666.67
Local Businesses	Qualitative*
Planned Development	\$10,722,820.00
Total	\$424,156,570.41

*Some of the benefits are not able to be measured and instead tend to be better described qualitatively. This causes a hole in the quantified benefits to which every person will assign meaning to differently. The value of State Line Avenue and how it has defined cultural growth of Texarkana gives value to what cannot be monetized. Look below for more information on Reliability and Property Value Increases.

The computations for Benefits are listed below in order of Table 2.

Value of Travel Time

The MPO’s 2021 Traffic Counts conducted for city of Texarkana showed that for North State Line Avenue 25,421 vehicles per a year were used. For the middle, residential area of State Line Avenue, 20,863 vehicles per a year were utilized. The southern urban area of State Line Avenue had a traffic count of 14,571 vehicles per a year. These counts were conducted by a tube laid across the road; when a vehicle drives over the tube, the number of axles is counted and divided by two. This can produce error if a car has an odd number of axles or has a trailer hitched where the computer might believe it to be more cars than in actuality. Three stoplights will be removed

who were deemed unnecessary for the flow of traffic. The cycle of stoplights allows for travel south down State Line Avenue to be 12 minutes faster. Due to this change, we expect an increase in usage for the North of State Line Avenue to be 30,000 vehicles, middle State Line Avenue to be 22,000 and Southern State Line Avenue to be 15,500. This is due to the average traffic counts of the area and the growth that area is forecasted to have. According to the USDOT, the value of time for all purposes of vehicle travel is \$14.80 per an hour.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{North State Line Avenue: VTT (existing)} &= 14.80/\text{hr.} \times 0.2 \text{ hr.} \times 25,421 \text{ trips per year} = \\ & \$75,246.16 \text{ VTT (new)} = 14.80/\text{hr.} \times .02 \text{ hr.} \times 0.5 \times 4,579 \text{ trips per year} = \$677.69 \\ & \text{VTT} = \$75,246.16 + \$677.69 = \underline{\$75,923.85} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Middle State Line Avenue:} &= \text{VTT (existing)} = 14.80/\text{hr.} \times 0.2 \text{ hr.} \times 20,863 \text{ trips per year} = \\ & \$61,754.48 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{VTT (new)} &= 14.80/\text{hr.} \times .02 \text{ hr.} \times 0.5 \times 1,137 \text{ trips per year} = \$168.28 \text{ VTT} = \$61,754.48 \\ & +\$168.28 = \underline{\$61,922.76} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{South State Line Avenue:} &= \text{VTT (existing)} = 14.80/\text{hr.} \times 0.2 \text{ hr.} \times 14,571 \text{ trips per year} = \\ & \$43,130.16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{VTT (new)} &= 14.80/\text{hr.} \times .02 \text{ hr.} \times 0.5 \times 929 \text{ trips per year} = \$137.49 \text{ VTT} = \$43,130.16 \\ & +\$137.49 = \underline{\$43,267.65} \end{aligned}$$

Safety Benefits

State Line is one of the more dangerous corridors in Texarkana, with car collisions happening daily due to a lack of many safety considerations that are included in our proposed plan. It's incredibly important to make State Line Avenue a safer and more accessible corridor for visitors and residents. According to TxDOT and MPO Texarkana crash data, there were 6,862 total car crashes on State Line Avenue. Due to the improvements we are making to State Line Avenue in the form of crosswalks, new safety signals, sidewalks and other improvements, the reduction of risk is close to 50%. Over half of the wrecks included no Injury which relates to \$3,200 in benefits as suggested by USDOT. The rest were, incapacitating, which is \$459,000.

Table A. Crash Data with KABCO Levels and Monetized Values

KABCO Level	No Injury	Possible Injury	Non-Incapacitating	Incapacitating		Killed	Total
# of Crashes	4,074	1,546	936	213		48	6,817
% of Total Crashes	0.598	0.227	0.137	0.031		0.007	1.00

USDOT	3,200	63,900	125,000	459,100		9,600,000	-
Monetized Value							

Reduction Benefit = 6,862 crashes/year x 50% risk reduction x (0.598 x 3,200 + 0.227 x 63,900 + 0.137 x 125,000 + 0.031 x 459,100 + 0.007 x 9,600,000)
 The total benefits were \$388,573,650.60

Emission Reduction

By increasing the speed of traffic, which reduces idling time, adding trees, and helping to better filter the stormwater runoff of State Line Avenue, we will reduce the nitrogen oxides in the area by 12 short tons. The USDOT suggests that the monetized value for one short ton is \$7,508 for Nitrogen Dioxides. Nitrogen Dioxides Reduction Benefit = 12 short tons x 7,508/short tons
 Nitrogen Dioxides Reduction Benefit = \$90,096

Property Value Increase

State Line Avenue contains many parcels, all of which have buildings of varying value that are anywhere on the spectrum of low to high. With the proposed changes, assessed values for these parcels will increase according to a study commissioned by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-Active Living Research (Ewing and Shoup 2010), “complete, compact, and connected communities” increase land values about 5-12%. This is a one-time additional value for the property, the value of a walkable network put in place by the plan for State Line Avenue will average 7%. It is no surprise that the higher in value land assets are located around the commercial center at the IH 30 intersection. This area, reaching from the interstate intersection to 32nd street is valued at \$34,894,000. This would mean the property values for the areas would increase by 7% or \$2,442,580 after the addition of the buffer, sidewalks and improved transportation networks to make the area much more interconnected and less of an eyesore. The urban area, which begins at 20th street intersection and ends on Front Street, has parcels that combined value around \$18,500,000, which grow by \$1,300,000 (7%). This area especially would benefit from the cosmetic and safety features proposed, allowing the possibility of more business to fill the empty buildings and overturn the season of neglect in downtown Texarkana. The residential middle area of State Line Avenue is valued at \$4,077,084 and will grow by \$285,395.88 (7%). This project would increase property values by adding more transportation opportunities, adding appealing landscaping and providing easier access to the homes in the neighborhoods beyond State Line Avenue. It would be an effective facelift for neighborhoods who fell into decline. With the proposed changes in place, State Line Avenue is set to inherit a sizeable property value increase which will not only benefit the parcel owners but also the city of Texarkana. The total property value increase is (Commercial) \$2,442,580 + (Urban) \$1,300,000 + Residential) \$285,395.88 = \$4,027,975.88.

Reliability

This is a benefit that though incredibly important to the daily lives of the people who live in Texarkana cannot be quantified. Reliability deals with how dependable the traffic patterns are on the State Line Avenue corridor. The patterns here tend to stay consistent with other city's major corridors; large crowds during mealtime hours and heavier traffic during rush hours. However, State Line Avenue has a tendency towards heavier traffic near the IH 30 intersection and then a gradual fade of frenzy towards the urban downtown area. The reliability is high, people who frequent the area can expect the same amount of traffic at the same time of day, excluding construction or collisions. This aspect of life will change only slightly with the implementation of changes for State Line Avenue, mostly in a positive way. It will increase the traffic, increasing economic gain for the area. Commercial growth will continue, and more people will frequent the area as a result. The reliability of the area will not change drastically, in fact, residents of State Line Avenue will have new opportunities to travel on bikes or walk to destinations. The addition of these transportation options along with bus stops for the T-line will balance out the additional vehicle traffic, keeping the reliability of State Line Avenue in check.

Cultural Enhancements

Cultural Enhancements include all transportation related improvements such as lighting, crosswalks, signage, public transport shelters, environmental protection, and stormwater management that are sensitive to the local culture and reflect that in design. These will be able to enhance State Line Avenue's already historic past and encourage cultural place-making along the corridor. The cost of the culturally sensitive functional safety additions is \$1,422,500, though not adding the qualitative feeling of having a cultural corridor that represents the residents of Texarkana which is priceless.

Tourism

State Line Avenue is a main route into the heart of downtown Texarkana, a cultural district with deep historic routes. Tourism plays a major role in the upkeep of the southern aspects of State Line Avenue and will only continue to be profitable if changes are made to attract more people down the corridor. In a 2016 study performed by the Texarkana Planning and Community Development Department, the importance and influence on the local community of the Arts and Historic District was showcased. 99,812 people attended cultural events in downtown Texarkana, and the total average cost of attending the Perot Theatre, a well-preserved historic icon, was \$53.58 per a person. This average includes hotel rooms, childcare, tickets and other costs. The grand total of assets gained by were \$5,347,927, all of which aided in growing the local community economically. State Line Avenue plays a generous role in transportation to the Perot Theatre and the cultural district, so by enhancing State Line Avenue, tourism will grow benefitting the historic Texarkana, Texas and Arkansas. With better tourism opportunities, the city will receive more tourism dollars, which can be put back into making State Line Avenue a true cultural avenue.

Trees and Landscaping

In the proposed plan trees would be placed around at increments of 8 feet along the entire corridor in the buffer space provided, which would mean close to 4,000 trees are needed to cover the stretch. The benefit of trees to an area is close to a benefit of almost \$100 per a tree, according to a study performed by Houston Advanced Research Center which investigated decreasing the heat island Effect in Dallas. The value of placing a tree in an area with an abundance of impervious surfaces, which State Line Avenue has an abundance of, is quite high due to the services trees can provide such as storm water management, reduction of toxins and emission pollutants, and shade protection which reduces the heat island effect effectively

Local Businesses

The state that State Line Avenue is in currently limits growth, and is unappealing for new businesses to move in. With the proposed changes, the corridor would be much easier to navigate and introduce two new forms of transportation which would make accessibility to business better overall. It would create more opportunities for local businesses, allowing people to be better equipped to travel to their locations. The commute on State Line Avenue would be quicker and much more enjoyable than the present state. The proposed changes would attract more visitors off IH 30 which would increase growth for business along State Line Avenue. Local businesses would clearly benefit from the proposed changes, bringing more consumers and creating better accessibility for the corridor. Quantifying this benefit is nearly impossible, since we have no way of knowing what the local business might become, it's revenue annually, or the impact on the community. However, local businesses create a stronger sense of community and do encourage cultural pride in an area which in time can develop to positive economic results.

Planned Development

The City of Texarkana has four public investment projects in progress that could be jeopardized if the proposed work for State line Avenue is unable to be fulfilled. The Courthouse, a historic icon of Texarkana that is built on the stateline of Texas and Arkansas and serves both states, is getting a facelift in the square that surrounds it. This will enable the location to become even more of a destination, this project is \$650,000 and is CIP funded 2017. Many of the street's downtown are one-way and have become hazardous because of visitors who may lack directional knowledge of the area and street smarts. The conversion to two-streets and on-street parking has been completed to provide a safer and more accessible downtown to everyone, this project is also CIP funded at \$130,000. The historic Perot Theatre is being renovated to better serve future generations, it one of the major symbols of Texarkana downtown and is essential to the preservation of cultural district. The Perot renovation is CIP funded at \$4,600,000. The improvements to the courthouse square, with the addition of electric charging stations at \$742,820. Lastly, the Art Block, a new space for culture and innovation to be presented will increase activity downtown and create more an appealing space for visitors. This last is CIP and is also \$4,600,000. State Line Avenue is a direct line to all these projects that will be soon be underway, if the main corridor is not renovated into less of an eye sore these investments may fall to the wayside or fall through entirely. However, if State Line Avenue undergoes the

proposed changes, becoming a focal point of Texarkana as it should have been then these projects will be able to flourish.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Planned Development} &= \$650,000 + \$130,000 + \$4,600,000 + \$4,600,000 + \$742,820 \\ &= \underline{\underline{\$10,722,820}} \end{aligned}$$

Appendix 2: Maps and Images

Figure 1: Texarkana Urbanized Area Overview Map

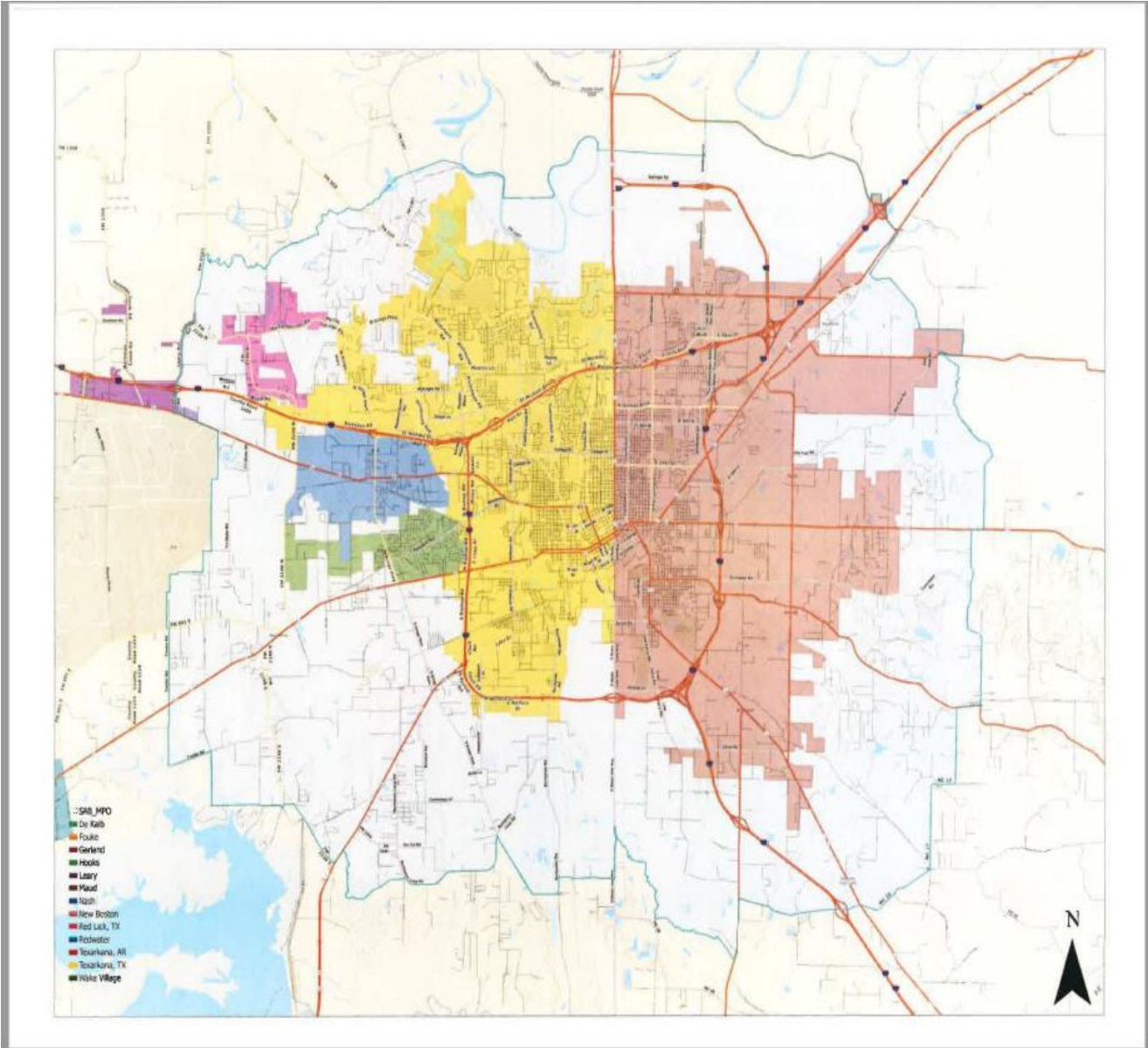


Figure 2: State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor Project Location and Overview

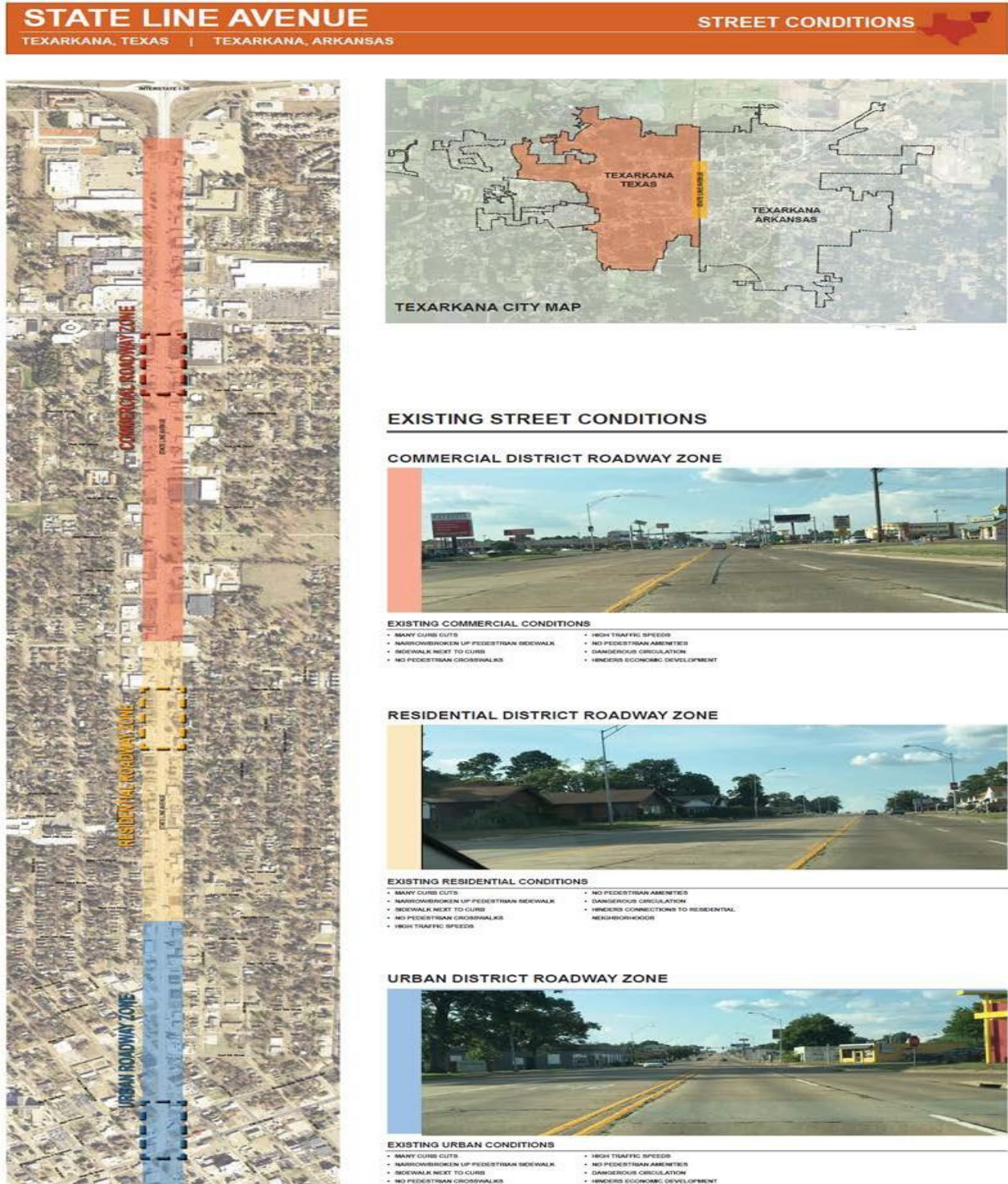
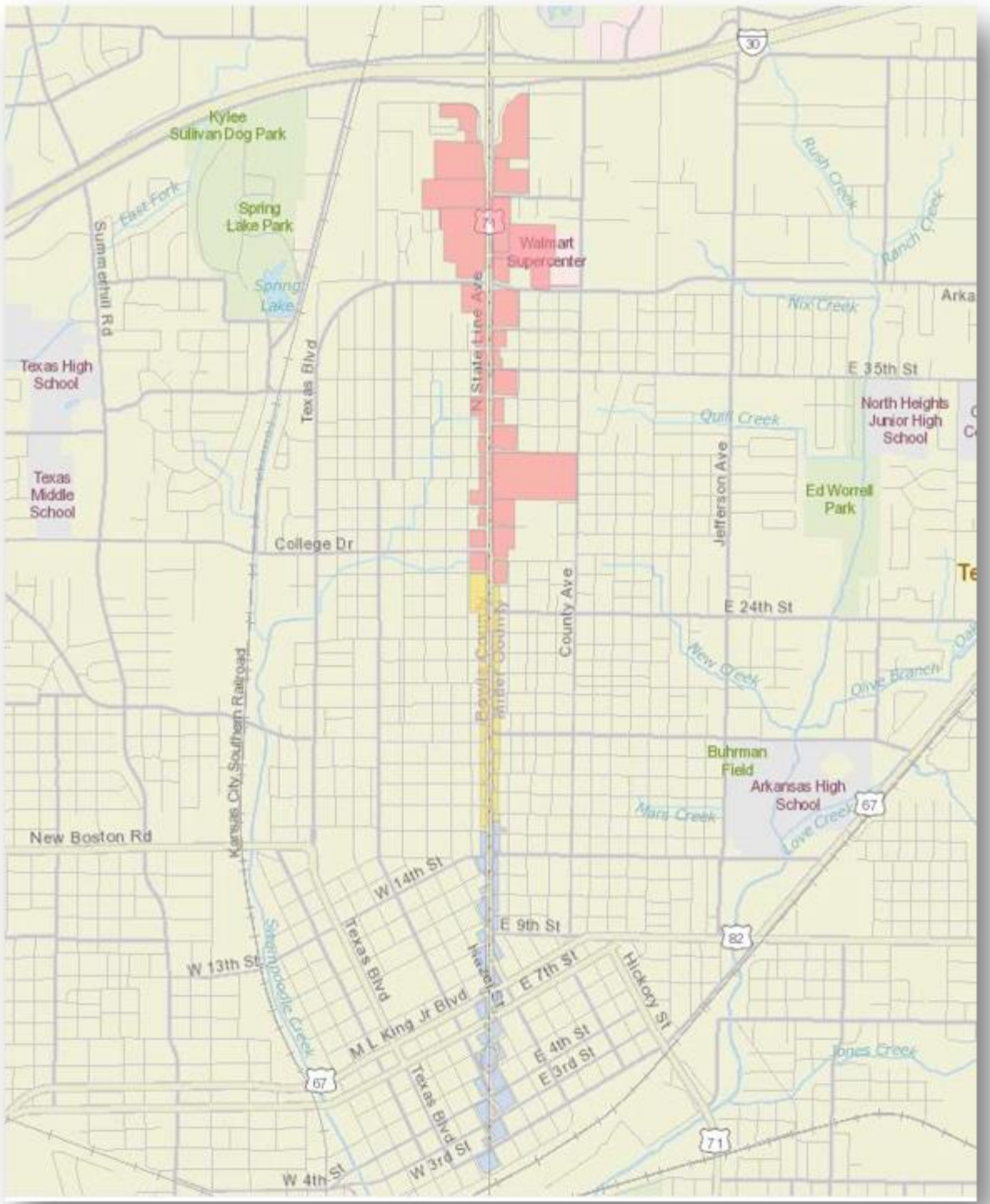


Figure 3: State Line Avenue Cultural Corridor and District Overlay Detail Map



State Line Avenue Unique Undertaking and Cultural Corridor and District Overlay Strategy Images

See the following pages. All are conceptual and subject to change to better fit state and federal regulation. These designs are from the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization 2021 State Line Avenue Corridor Study.

Figure 4: Commercial District

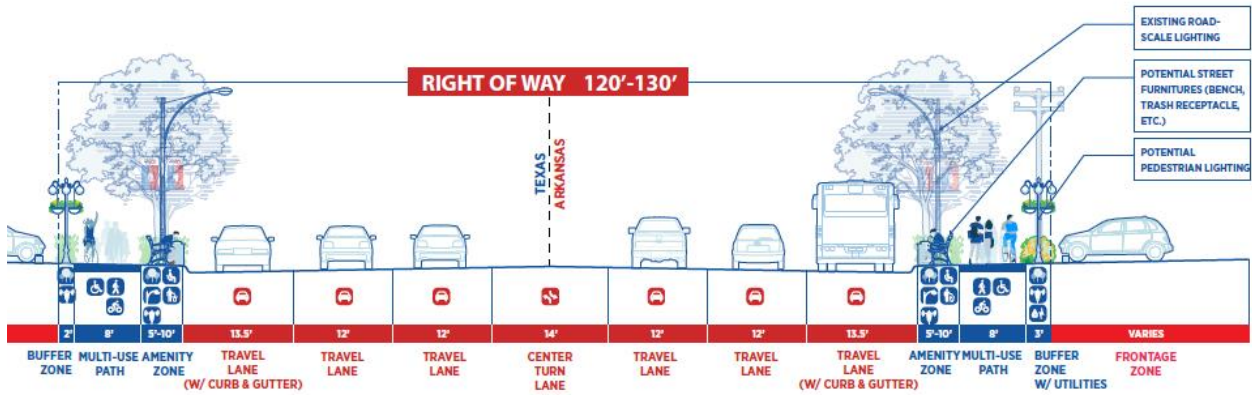


Figure 5: Business District



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LEGEND

- RIGHT OF WAY
- STATE LINE
- LANES
- 8' MULTI-PURPOSE PATH
- LANDSCAPE AREA
- DECORATIVE PAVERS
- BUS STOP SIGN
- BUS STOP W/ PROPOSED T-LINE BUS SHELTER
- PROPOSED MID-BLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
- PROPOSED STREET TREE
- POTENTIAL STREET TREE WITH CITY AGREEMENT*
- HISTORICAL MILE MARKER

TYPICAL SECTION (Context Sensitive Design)

- 1 PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING, 200' O.C. (on center)
- 2 PROPOSED STREET TREE 25'-40' DIA. (depending on specific species), +/- 120' O.C.
- 3 EXISTING ROAD-SCALE LIGHTING WITH STATE FLAGS
- 4 UNDERSTORY PLANTING (Low-growing shrub, native grass and/or groundcover)
- 5 PEDESTRIAN BENCHES, +/- 500' O.C. (on center)
- 6 TRASH RECEPTACLE, +/- 500' O.C. (on center) along with benches
- 7 T-LINE BUS SHELTER (with Pedestrian Bench & Trash Receptacle)

*Note: Roadway travel dimensions are set any variable dimension taken up in amenity zone width.

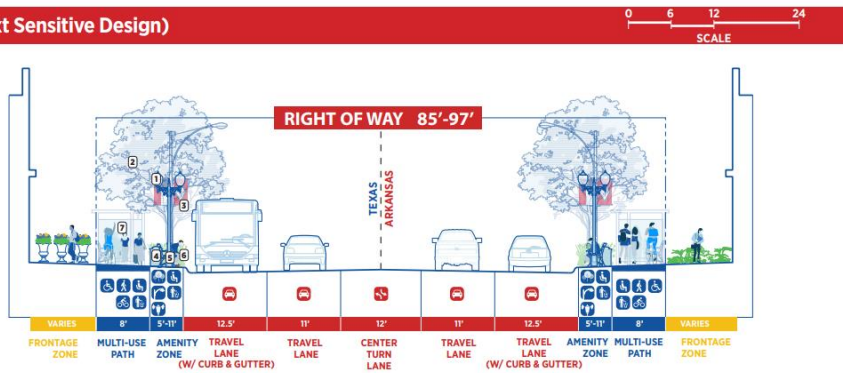


Figure 6 Residential District

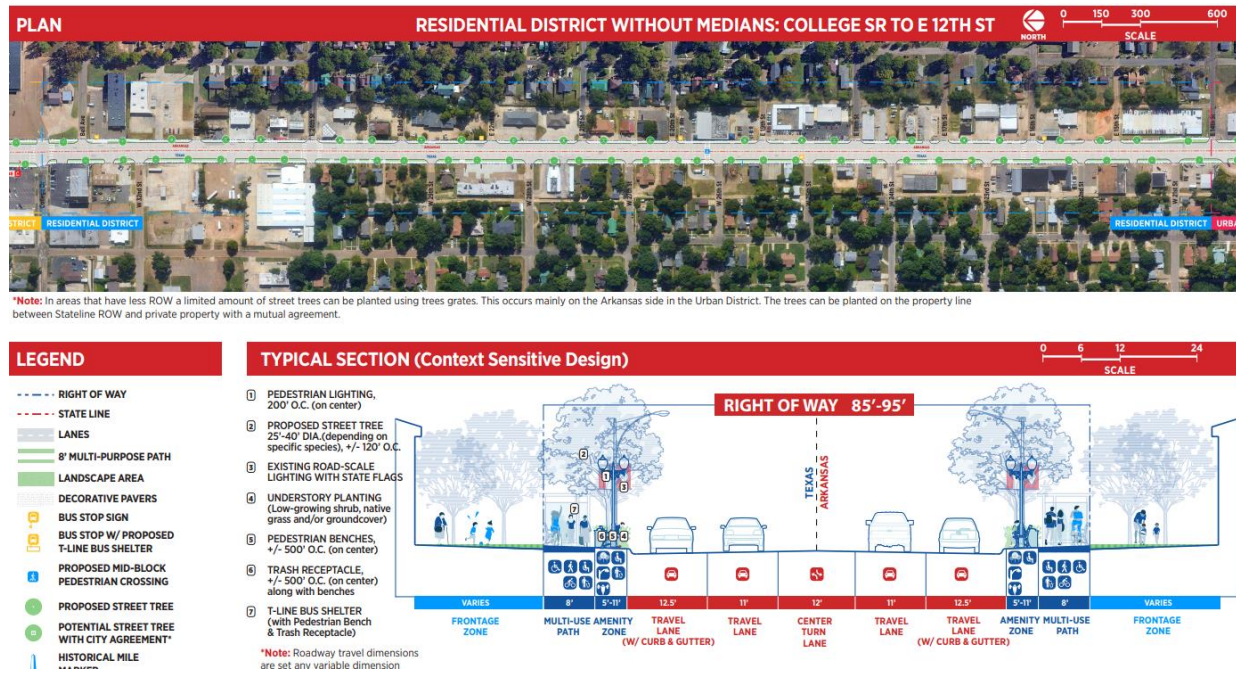
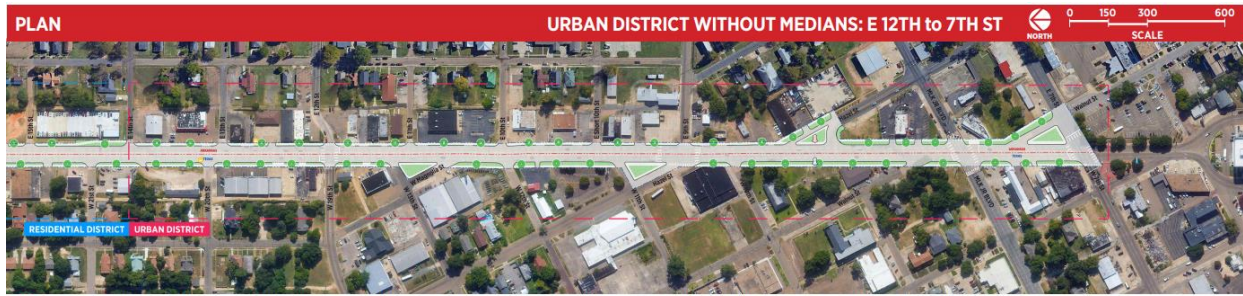
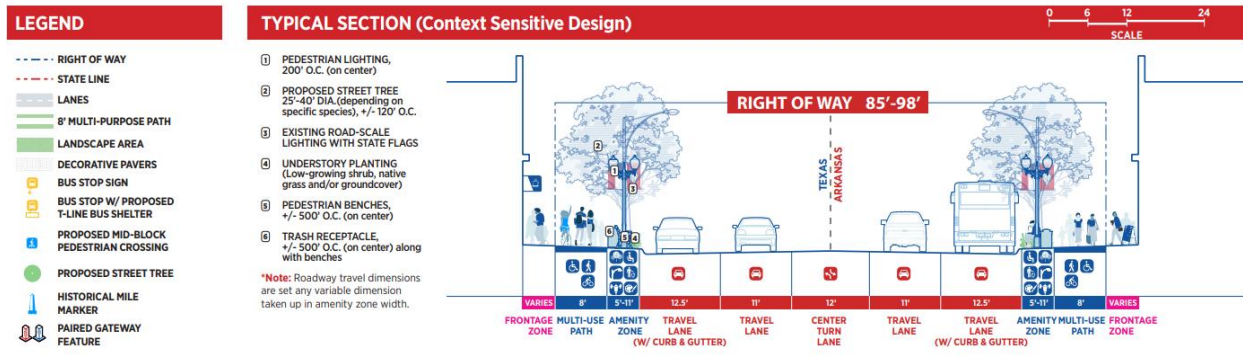


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Appendix 3: State Line Corridor 2021 Study Public Engagement meetings



TEXARKANA STATELINE AVENUE PUBLIC MEETING

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WE NEED CITIZEN INPUT FOR THIS CORRIDOR STUDY! YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

29 JUN 2021, TUES
 6:00 - 8:00 PM

HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER
 2015 CONVENTION CENTER DRIVE, TEXARKANA, AR 71604

CANNOT MAKE THIS MEETING IN PERSON? There will be an online platform that allows you to provide feedback virtually.

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TEXARKANA STATELINE This meeting is sponsored by

STATELINE AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

PUBLIC MEETING

WE NEED CITIZEN INPUT FOR THIS CORRIDOR STUDY! YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

9 SEPT 2021, THURS
 6:00 - 8:00 PM

TEXARKANA CONVENTION CENTER
 2015 CONVENTION CENTER DRIVE, TEXARKANA, TX 71602

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METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

PUBLIC MEETING

PROVIDE THE FINAL INPUT FOR THIS CORRIDOR STUDY! YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

4 NOV 2021, THURS
 5:30 - 6:30 PM

TRANC BUILDING
 800 S. STATELINE AVENUE, SUITE 100, TEXARKANA, TX 71602

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Appendix 4: State Line Avenue Photographs

Below are photographs of State Line Avenue, divided by three districts – Commercial, Residential, and Urban - illustrating its current state.

Commercial



Residential



Urban





Appendix 5: Cultural Enhancement Ideas

Cultural Enhancements include all transportation related improvements such as lighting, crosswalks, signage, public transport shelters, environmental protection, and stormwater management that are sensitive to the local culture and reflect that in design. Below are examples of culturally functional designs that aim to create safer transportation environments.

EXHIBIT A: Cultural Crosswalks



Example from Arden Park and Recreation District in Sacramento, District

EXHIBIT B: Downtown Avenue Lighting



Current lamp posts in Texarkana Arts and Historic District which will create a more classic avenue feel when added further up State Line Avenue

EXHIBIT C: Wayfinding Signs



Photos of current Texarkana Arts in Historic District signage which will continue up State Line denoting safety features and wayfinding suggestions

EXHIBIT D: Bus Shelters



Examples from Tracy, California and Palm Beach, Florida Bus Shelters

EXHIBIT E: Stormwater Management: Rain Garden



Texas A&M University, College Station Texas Rain Collection garden using Texas native plants.

EXHIBIT F: State Emblems



Left – Example of Bristol, Tennessee/Virginia’s Metal Street Emblem

Right – Arts and Historic District Emblem Design



CITY OF TEXARKANA, AR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA TITLE: Consider the following action concerning substandard structures:
Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the demolition of twenty-nine (29) substandard structures.
Adopt a Resolution condemning twenty-nine (29) substandard structures for demolition. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

AGENDA DATE: 02/21/2023

ITEM TYPE: Ordinance Resolution Other

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

PREPARED BY: Tyler Richards, Public Works Director

REQUEST: Condemnation of twenty-nine (29) substandard structures

EMERGENCY CLAUSE: N/A

SUMMARY: Condemnation of twenty-nine (29) substandard structures.

<u>Address/Parcel</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>	<u>Owner</u>
1001 Prince Parcel – 1690820 Ward 2	Legal: All of lot 1 Block: 011, Lot: 001 Subdivision: Broadway Heights	Williams, William J 484 MC 285 TEXARKANA AR 71854
409 MLK Parcel – 1010040 Ward 2	Legal: ALL LOTS 7 &8 Block: 006, Legal: 008 Subdivision: Original City	Glass, Jo 405 Blanton 1800 San Luis Dr St St. Louis, MO. 63168
709 Cleveland Parcel-1610520 Ward 2	Legal: ALL LOTS 4 and 5 Block: 019, Lot: 005 Subdivision: Bramble Highland Park Rev.	Hill, Lillie May 709 Cleveland Texarkana, Ar. 71854
77 Wellington Parcel – 1850150 Ward 2	Legal: ALL LOT 8 Block: 003, Lot: 008 Subdivision Carter, Kirby & Fouke	Jones, John M 77 Wellington Texarkana, AR. 71854
4104 Pinson Parcel – 4660060 Ward 5	Legal: ALL LOT 6 Block: 001, Lot: 006 Subdivision: Ranch Creek Estates	Benson, Janet Attn: Midland Loan Servicing LP P.O. Box 961009 Fort Worth TX. 76161-009
1115 E 19th Parcel – 00274000 Ward 4	Legal: LOT E/2 lot 9 SE NE Block: N/A, Lot: N/A Subdivision: 19-155-28W	Sang Van & Sang Thi Huynh 203 Baden TEXARKANA, AR 71854
1518 County Parcel- 2390530 Ward 3	Legal: N 15' of lot 10 & all Lots 11 & 12 Block: 008, Lot: 012 Subdivision: Deutchman's 3rd	Crockett, Jasmine 4605 Cedar Springs,141 Dallas TX. 75219

2012 N Rondo Parcel – 00303000 Ward 3	Legal: PT S/2 SW NW NW Block: N/A, Lot: N/A Subdivision: 23-15S-28W	Thomason, Carl & Holly 2012 N Rondo TEXARKANA, AR 71854
1110 Hays Parcel – 1691110 Ward 2	Legal: ALL LOTS 1 Thru 4 Block: 014, Lot: 004 Subdivision: BROADWAY HGTS.	Rooters, George C PO Box 223 Ogden AR. 71853
1006 Grim Parcel – 1691751 Ward 2	Legal: ALL LOTS 11 & 12 Block: 022, Lot: 012 Subdivision: Broadway HGTS	Giles, Michael L & Rita K 4500 Old Blackman Ferry Rd. TEXARKANA, AR 71854
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512 Demorse Parcel – 3350370 Ward 2	Legal: ALL LOTS 25 & 26 Block: 002, Lot: 026 Subdivision: Johnston's Adn	Wise, Charles R & Doris J 516 Demorse Texarkana, AR 71854
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309 Laurel Parcel – 1012461 Ward 2	Legal: All of Lot 4 Block: 055, Lot: 004 Subdivision: Original City	309 Laurel Texarkana LLC 1321 Upland Dr Box 8316 Houston, TX 77043
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1524 Hickory Parcel – 2390720 Ward 3	Legal: N/2 22' of Lot 11 & all of Lot 12 Block: 010, Lot: 012 Subdivision: Deutchman's 3rd	Baker, Brandon Deshan 42 Pecan Valley Cir Nash, TX 75569
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403 Hickory Parcel – 1011760 Ward 2	ALL OF LOTS 5 & 6 Block: 043 Lot: 006 Subdivision: Original City	Crow, Maurice D. & Patricia L. #1 Regency Dr Texarkana, AR 71854
403 Pecan Parcel – 1011840 Ward 2	Legal: S/2 of Lot 5 & All of Lot 6 Block: 044 Lot: 006 Subdivision – Original City	Daniels, Molena Frances 2911 Amber Bay Loop Anchorage, AK 99515

EXPENSE REQUIRED: \$0.00

AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$0.00

**APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:** \$0.00

**RECOMMENDED
ACTION:** City Manager and staff recommend board approval.

EXHIBITS: Resolution and Slides

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has requested an order of condemnation under Section 11-87 of the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances* for the following twenty-nine (29) substandard residential structures:

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403 Pecan Parcel – 1011840 Ward 2	Legal: S/2 of Lot 5 & All of Lot 6 Block: 044 Lot: 006 Subdivision – Original City	Daniels, Molena Frances 2911 Amber Bay Loop Anchorage, AK 99515

WHEREAS, owners of the listed properties have been notified that the structure(s) on the properties are in violation of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code and the International Property Maintenance Code, but little or no work has been done on the structures and the allowed time period has lapsed for the owners to voluntarily bring the structures into code compliance; and

WHEREAS, such structures have become dilapidated, unsightly, unsafe, unsanitary, obnoxious, or detrimental to the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has attempted to notify, by certified mail, the last owner of record of each property informing them that the Board of Directors will consider declaring these structures a nuisance; and

WHEREAS, notices of the condemnations will be sent to the owners of record allowing thirty (30) days to obtain a permit for repairs or a permit to demolish the structure and clear the property, failing which the City will have the right to demolish the structure after giving the property owners at least ten days in which to remove any personal property; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Staff recommend approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, that the above properties are found to be condemned under the provisions of Section 11-87 and other applicable sections of the *City of Texarkana, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances*; that the Public Works Department shall provide the owners of record with notices of the condemnations and allow thirty (30) days to obtain a permit for repairs or a permit for demolition by such property owners; that the Public Works Department is authorized to demolish any of the above-described structures that have not been issued a permit for repairs or a permit for demolition within the thirty (30) days period after giving the owners at least ten (10) days in which to remove any personal items.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of February, 2023.

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Soyars, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Joshua Potter, Interim City Attorney

2023 Proposed Demolitions

City of Texarkana Arkansas



Classifications

A1- Tagged unsafe but could be rehabilitated

A2- Tagged unsafe and needs moderate repair

A3- Tagged unsafe and needs major repair

A4- Tagged unsafe and is collapsed and or burned beyond repair



1001 Prince

Tagged 5/12/2016

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3- needs major repairs

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



409 MLK

Tagged 4/11/2017
Invitation to board 2/21/2023
Classified A3- needs major repair
Staff recommends condemnation
Ward 2



709 Cleveland

Tagged 5/17/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A4- burned beyond repair

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



77 Wellington

Tagged 5/12/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A4- Burned beyond repair

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



4104 Pinson

Tagged 5/20/2022
Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023
Classified A4- Burnt
Staff recommends condemnation
Ward 5



1115 E 19th

Tagged 7/12/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3- Needs major repairs

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 4



1518
County

1518 County

Tagged 9/15/2022
Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023
Classified A3 Needs major repair
Staff recommends condemnation
Ward 3



2012 N Rondo

- Tagged 9/22/2022
- Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023
- Classified A3- Needs major repairs
- Staff Recommends condemnation
 - Ward 3



1110 Hays

Tagged 5/12/2022
Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023
Classified A4 Burnt
Staff recommends condemnation
Ward 2



1006 Grim

Tagged 5/12/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A4- burned beyond repair

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



1507 Euginia

Tagged 5/12/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A4- Burned beyond repair

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



2003 Pearl

Tagged 12/1/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3 Unsafe needs major repair

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



1821 Dudley

Tagged 12/1/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A4- burned beyond repair

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



1914 Dudley

Tagged 12/1/2022
Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023
Classified A4- Burned beyond repair
Staff recommends condemnation
Ward 2



1202 Prince

Tagged 3/8/2010

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3- needs major repair

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



512 Demorse

Tagged 8/29/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3- Needs major repair

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



120 Eastside

Tagged 7/6/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3- Needs major repair

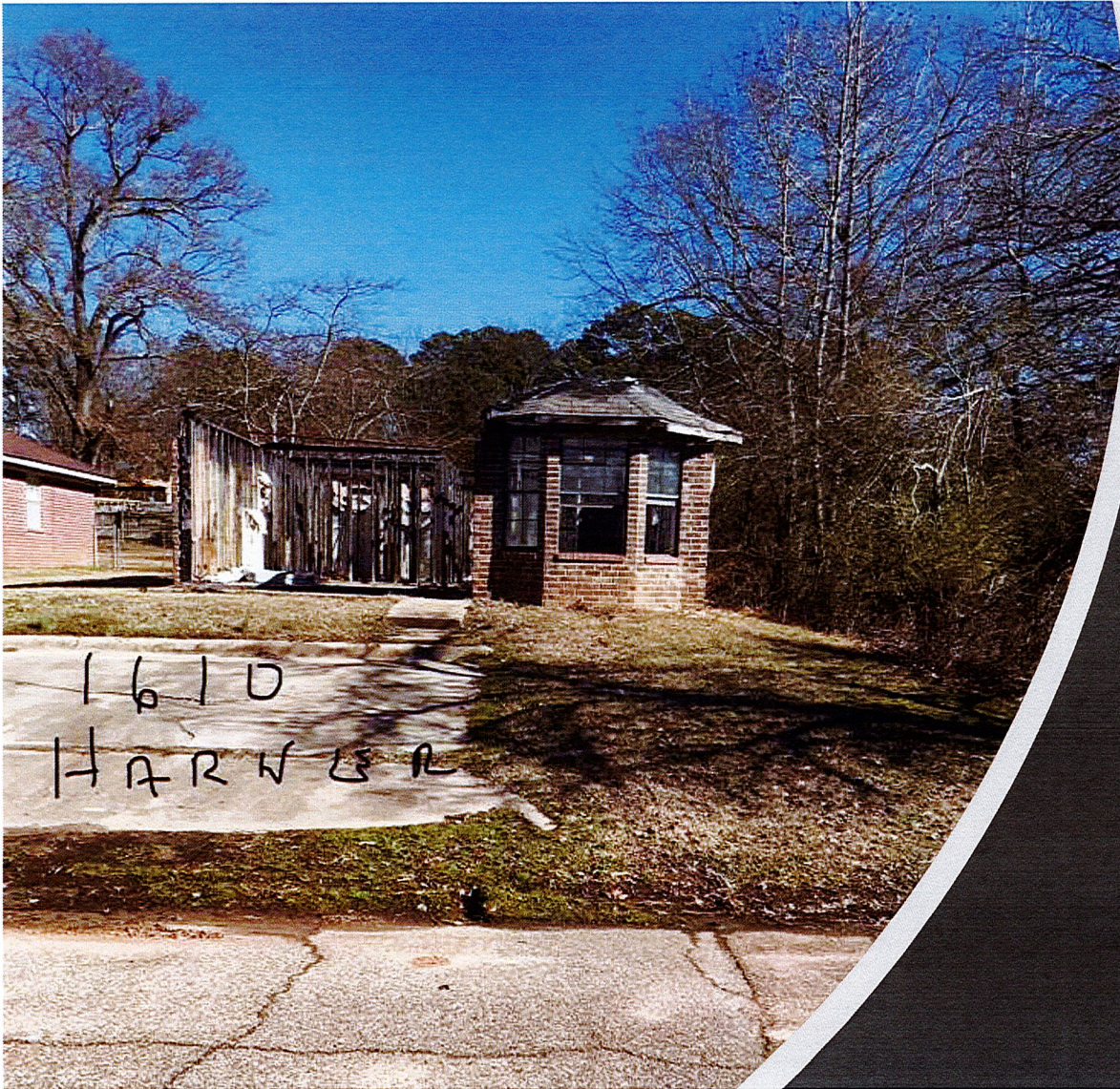
Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



907 Ida

Tagged 10/7/2016
Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023
Classified A3- needs major repair
Staff recommends condemnation
Ward 2



1610 Harner

Tagged 1/4/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A4- Burned beyond repair

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



904 Euclid

Tagged 8/29/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3- Needs major repair

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



309 Laurel

Tagged 5/28/2021

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3- Major repairs needed

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



310 E 14th

Tagged 3/18/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3- Needs major repairs

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



919 E 14th

Tagged 10/30/2018

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A4_ Burned beyond repair

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 3



2600 Locust

Tagged 2/8/2022
Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023
Classified A3- Needs major repairs
Staff recommends condemnation
Ward 3



1705 Hickory

Tagged 10/4/2013

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3- Needs major repairs

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 3



1524 Hickory

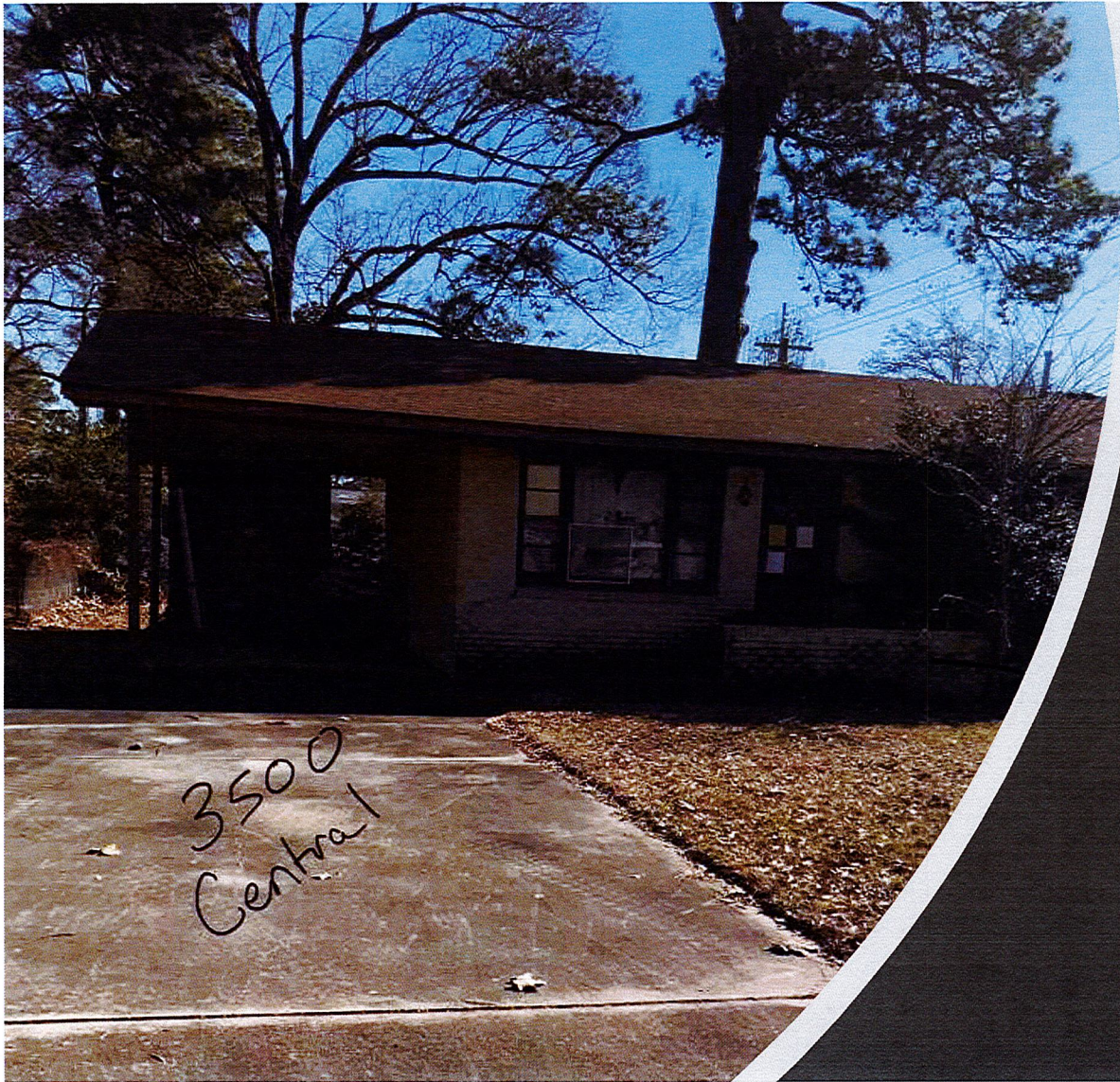
Tagged 3/18/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3- Needs major repairs

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 3



3500 Central

Tagged 8/26/2022

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3- Needs major repairs

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 5



403 Hickory

Tagged 1/25/2023

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A4- Burnt and collapsed

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



403 Pecan

Tagged 7/7/2021

Invitation to BOD 2/21/2023

Classified A3- Needs major repairs

Staff recommends condemnation

Ward 2



CITY OF TEXARKANA, AR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt an Ordinance waiving competitive bidding; authorizing the City Manager to purchase a 2022 Ford F-250 Truck. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

An emergency clause is requested. An emergency clause requires a separate and distinct vote of the board and is valid only if there is a two-thirds vote of approval by the Board.

AGENDA DATE: 02/21/2023

ITEM TYPE: Ordinance Resolution Other : _____

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

PREPARED BY: Tyler Richards, Public Works Director

REQUEST: Adopt an Ordinance waiving competitive bidding; authorizing the City Manager to purchase a 2022 Ford F-250 Truck.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE: Yes

SUMMARY: Quotes were received from McLarty Ford for a 2022 Ford F-250 4x4 for the Streets Division within Public Works. The 2022 F-250 is available immediately. We are asking to waive competitive bidding because Public Works has been unable to locate similar trucks for purchase and receive them within this year. The state contracts for ¾ ton trucks have closed and they are no longer accepting orders for this year.

The City Manager proposes to purchase the Ford F-250 for \$45,571.00.

EXPENSE REQUIRED: \$45,571.00

AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$350,000.00

**APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:** \$0.00

**RECOMMENDED
ACTION:** City Manager and staff recommend board approval.

EXHIBITS: Ordinance and McLarty Ford Quote

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD F-250 4X4 TRUCK; FOR DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, in order to maintain an updated vehicle fleet for the Public Works Department Street Division, it is necessary to acquire a 2022 Ford F-250 4x4 Truck; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has been unable to locate similar trucks for purchase and receive them within this year; and

WHEREAS, the State contracts for similar trucks have closed and they are no longer accepting orders for this year; and

WHEREAS, McLarty Ford, upon inquiry, has quoted a purchase price of \$45,571.00 for the Ford F-250 4x4 Truck; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §14-47-138, the Board of Directors may waive the requirements of competitive bidding in exceptional situations where competitive bidding is not feasible or practicable; and

WHEREAS, funds are available as budgeted; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager requests approval and, further, waiver of any applicable competitive bidding practices, all as and for the reasons described above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, that:

Section 1: The purchase of the Ford F-250 4x4 Truck on the terms and conditions set out above are approved and any competitive bidding practices that may be otherwise required by applicable law or ordinance are waived.

Section 2: The City Manager is authorized to enter into any agreement reasonably necessary to carry out the purchase hereby approved.

Section 3: This action being necessary for the preservation of the public peace,

health, and safety (including, without limitation, the specific need to purchase and receive the truck within this year), and a separate and distinct vote having been taken on this emergency clause, an emergency is therefore declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of February, 2023.

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Soyars, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Joshua Potter, Interim City Attorney



Preview Order T22A - W3D 4x4 Crew Cab DRW: Order Summary Time of Preview: 02/03/2023 13:18:27 Receipt: NA

Dealership Name: McLarty Ford

Sales Code : F52327

Dealer Rep.	ANDREW JOHNSON	Type	Retail	Vehicle Line	Superduty	Order Code	T22A
Customer Name	X XXXXX	Priority Code	19	Model Year	2023	Price Level	325

DESCRIPTION	MSRP	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
F350 4X4 CREW CAB PU DRW/176	\$53300	FX4 OFF-ROAD PACKAGE	\$495
176 INCH WHEELBASE	\$0	.SKID PLATES	\$0
OXFORD WHITE	\$0	PLATFORM RUNNING BOARDS	\$445
VINYL 40/20/40 SEATS	\$0	14000# GVWR PACKAGE	\$0
MEDIUM DARK SLATE	\$0	ENGINE BLOCK HEATER	\$100
PREFERRED EQUIPMENT PKG.620A	\$0	50 STATE EMISSIONS	\$0
.XL TRIM	\$0	5TH WHEEL HITCH PREP PACKAGE	\$550
.AIR CONDITIONING -- CFC FREE	\$0	JACK	\$0
.AM/FM STEREO MP3/CLK	\$0	UPFITTER SWITCHES	\$165
6.7L POWER STROKE V8 DIESEL	\$9995	190AMP(GAS)/250AMP(6.7L) ALTR	\$0
10-SPEED AUTO TORQSHIFT	\$0	DUAL BATTERY	\$0
LT245/75R17E BSW ALL-TERRAIN	\$165	FUEL CHARGE	\$0
4.10 RATIO LIMITED SLIP AXLE	\$395	PRICED DORA	\$0
JOB #1 ORDER	\$0	DESTINATION & DELIVERY	\$1895
CV LOT MANAGEMENT	\$0		
TOTAL BASE AND OPTIONS			MSRP
DISCOUNTS			\$67505
TOTAL			NA
			\$67505

Customer Name:
Customer Address:

Customer Email:

Customer Phone:

Customer Signature

Date

This order has not been submitted to the order bank.

This is not an invoice.



Preview Order T22A - W2B 4x4 Crew Cab SRW: Order Summary Time of Preview: 02/03/2023 14:14:24 Receipt: NA

Dealership Name: McLarty Ford

Sales Code : F52327

Dealer Rep.	ANDREW JOHNSON	Type	Retail	Vehicle Line	Superduty	Order Code	T22A
Customer Name	X XXXXX	Priority Code	19	Model Year	2023	Price Level	325

DESCRIPTION	MSRP	DESCRIPTION	MSRP
F250 4X4 CREW CAB PICKUP/160	\$50560	3.73 ELECTRONIC-LOCKING AXLE	\$430
160 INCH WHEELBASE	\$0	JOB #1 ORDER	\$0
OXFORD WHITE	\$0	CV LOT MANAGEMENT	\$0
VINYL 40/20/40 SEATS	\$0	FX4 OFF-ROAD PACKAGE	\$495
MEDIUM DARK SLATE	\$0	.SKID PLATES	\$0
PREFERRED EQUIPMENT PKG.600A	\$0	10000# GVWR PACKAGE	\$0
.XL TRIM	\$0	50 STATE EMISSIONS	\$0
.AIR CONDITIONING -- CFC FREE	\$0	JACK	\$0
.AM/FM STEREO MP3/CLK	\$0	FUEL CHARGE	\$0
.6.8L DEVCT NA PFI V8 ENGINE	\$0	PRICED DORA	\$0
10-SPEED AUTO TORQSHIFT-G	\$0	DESTINATION & DELIVERY	\$1895
LT245/75R17E BSW ALL-TERRAIN	\$165		
TOTAL BASE AND OPTIONS			MSRP
DISCOUNTS			\$53545
TOTAL			NA
			\$53545

Customer Name:
Customer Address:

Customer Email:
Customer Phone:

Customer Signature _____ Date _____

*This order has not been submitted to the order bank.
This is not an invoice.*

2/3/23

2022 F250 / Crew Cab / 4x4 / Gas


$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{In Stock} \quad \$54,960 \\
 - 2,789 \\
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 52,171 \\
 - 6,600 \\
 \hline
 \$45,571 + \text{any fee}
 \end{array}$$

2023 F250 / Crew Cab / 4x4 / Gas

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Order} \quad \$53,545 \\
 - 2,503 \\
 \hline
 51,042 \\
 - 600 \\
 \hline
 \$50,442 + \text{Any Fees}
 \end{array}$$

2023 F350 DRW / Crew Cab / 4x4 / Gas

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Order} \quad \$67,505 \\
 - 3,532 \\
 \hline
 63,973 \\
 - 600 \\
 \hline
 \$63,373 + \text{any fee}
 \end{array}$$

Thanks




CITY OF TEXARKANA, AR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt an Ordinance waiving competitive bidding for the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus equipment. (TAFD) Fire Chief David Fletcher

An emergency clause is requested. An emergency clause requires a separate and distinct vote of the board and is valid only if there is a two-thirds vote of approval by the Board.

AGENDA DATE: 02/21/2023

ITEM TYPE: Ordinance Resolution Other :

DEPARTMENT: Texarkana Arkansas Fire Department _____

PREPARED BY: Fire Chief David Fletcher

REQUEST: Board approval to waive competitive bidding and accept the equipment quote from Casco Industries.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE: Requested

SUMMARY: Our current breathing apparatus equipment is over ten years old and needs to be replaced. Casco is the regional dealer for MSA, the brand of equipment we have used for over 35 years. The department field tested other brands of gear and overwhelmingly chose to stay with MSA. This purchase also allows for us to maintain compatibility with TTFD and most of the surrounding volunteer departments.

EXPENSE REQUIRED: \$349,999.65

AMOUNT BUDGETED: \$350.000

APPROPRIATION REQUIRED: TAFD 2023 Budget Line Item (101-131-50501-54001) \$349,999.65

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Manager and staff recommend approval.

EXHIBITS: Ordinance and Equipment quote from Casco Industries.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF NEW SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS EQUIPMENT; FOR DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Texarkana, Arkansas Fire Department's (TAFD) current breathing apparatus equipment is over ten years old and needs to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of new apparatus equipment allows the TAFD to maintain compatibility with Texarkana, Texas Fire Department (TTFD) and most of the surrounding volunteer departments; and

WHEREAS, Casco Industries, Inc., is the regional dealer for MSA, the brand of equipment the TAFD has used for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Casco Industries, Inc., upon inquiry, has quoted a purchase price of \$349,999.65 for the breathing apparatus equipment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §14-47-138, the Board of Directors may waive the requirements of competitive bidding in exceptional situations where competitive bidding is not feasible or practicable; and

WHEREAS, funds are available as budgeted; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager requests approval and, further, waiver of any applicable competitive bidding practices, for the reasons described above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, that:

Section 1: The purchase of the breathing apparatus equipment on the terms and conditions set out above are approved and any competitive bidding practices that may be otherwise required by applicable law or ordinance are waived.

Section 2: The City Manager is authorized to enter into any agreement reasonably

necessary to carry out the purchase hereby approved.

Section 3: This action being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety (including, without limitation, the immediate need to purchase breathing apparatus equipment to best serve the public safety interest of the City), and a separate and distinct vote having been taken on this emergency clause, an emergency is therefore declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of February, 2023.

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Soyars, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Joshua Potter, Interim City Attorney

Texarkana Fire Department

Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's)



SCBA's

- **Some of our most important safety gear. Vital in all incidents with a hazardous atmosphere.**
- **Current gear is over ten years old with heavy usage.**

SCBA's

- **There are a limited number of SCBA manufacturers due to stringent safety regulations.**
- **Only three, Scott Safety (Conway), MSA (Shreveport), and Drager (Houston) have dealers in the region.**

SCBA's

- **TAFD obtained loaner units from MSA and Drager and tested them extensively.**
- **Scott Safety seemed to show little interest and was dropped as an option.**
- **Our personnel overwhelmingly chose MSA as the preferred option.**

SCBA's

- TAFD has exclusively used MSA SCBA's since the 1980's.
- The local dealer, Casco Industries, has served us well over the decades and we have confidence in them.
- This purchase would also maintain compatibility with TTFD and other area departments.



*Providing Protection for those Who Protect Us
since 1950*

To: Chief David Fletcher, Texarkana, AR FD

From: Mike Akin, Casco Industries, Inc.

Casco Industries is pleased to quote the following item(s)

1 – MSA G1 SCBA: Model G1FS442MA2COLAR	\$5,770.00 each
4500psi SCBA, with Quick-Connect cylinder connection, chest strap, metal cylinder band, adjustable swiveling lumbar pad, regulator solid cover, integrated PASS, rechargeable battery pack, w/o cylinder	
1 - MSA-10175708-SP: 4500psig, 45min LoPro cylinder w/QC	\$1,150.00 each
1 – MSA-10161810– G1 Facepiece	\$395.00 each
1 – MSA 10148741-SP rechargeable battery	\$425.00 each
1 – MSA 1018385 battery charger	\$820.00 each
1 – MSA 10156468 Quick Fill hose	\$1,090.00 each
1 – MSA 10169711 RIT pack 4500psi	\$5,100.00 each
1 – True North L2 RIT bag	\$275.00 each
1 – MSA 10162403 Quick Connect cascade adaptor	\$520.00 each

Per your request, the cost would be as follows:

33 - MSA G1 4500psi scba @ \$5,770.00 each:	\$190,410.00
66 – MSA 4500psi cylinder @ \$1,150.00 each:	\$75,900.00
54– MSA G1 facepiece @ \$395.00 each:	\$21,330.00
15 – MSA G1 spare batteries @ \$425.00 each	\$6,375.00
5 – Battery charger @ \$820.00 each:	\$4,100.00
2 – MSA Quick fill hose @ \$1,090.00 each	\$2,180.00
3 – MSA RIT pack 4500psi @ \$5,100.00 each	\$15,300.00
3 – True North RIT bag @ \$275.00 each	\$825.00
2 – MSA QC adaptors @ \$520.00 each	\$1,040.00

Total cost of items as configured: \$317,460.00

Estimated taxes not included: \$32,539.65

Total quote cost: \$349,999.65

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Akin

makin@cascoindustries.com

903-293-4698



CITY OF TEXARKANA, AR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt a Resolution appointing Jason Dupree to the Board of Adjustment. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

AGENDA DATE: February 21, 2023

ITEM TYPE: Ordinance Resolution Other : _____

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

PREPARED BY: Heather Soyars

REQUEST: Appointment to the Board of Adjustment

EMERGENCY CLAUSE: N/A

SUMMARY: At the end of his term, Clyde Boots Thomas has resigned from the Board of Adjustment and per Sec. 28-111. Creation and appointment of the Board of Adjustment, one member must be a member of the Planning Commission.

Jason Dupree has served on the Planning Commission since 2008 and would like to serve also on the Board of Adjustment.

EXPENSE REQUIRED: N/A

AMOUNT BUDGETED: N/A

**APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:** N/A

**RECOMMENDED
ACTION:** The City Manager and staff recommend approval.

EXHIBITS: Resolution, Board of Adjustment member list

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an appointment be made to fill the vacant position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, that the following appointment is hereby approved:

<u>Board or Commission</u>	<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>
Board of Adjustment	Jason Dupree	02/17/2023----2026

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of February, 2023.

Allen L. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Soyars, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Joshua Potter, Interim City Attorney

CITY OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

Application for Appointment to Citizen Advisory Board or Commission

(Please type or print clearly)

BOARD OR COMMISSION DESIRED (Please apply for one (1) board or commission per application.)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising & Promotion Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical District Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Beautiful Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Auditorium Project Advisory Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing Review Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> SWAWIB-Southwest Arkansas Workforce Investment Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heating & Air Conditioning Board of Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Name: JASON DUPREE Home Phone: 870 774 1925

Address: 416 MEADOWS RD Texarkana Resident Yes No 10 Years

E-Mail Address: jdupr21@aol.com Miller Co. Voter Registration No. _____

Employer: TEXAS DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION Work Phone: 903 799 1248

Position: TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER

Education: UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

College: MASTERS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING High School: BRYANT, AR

Special knowledge or past experience qualifying you for this appointment: (Please feel free to attach resume):
MEMBER OF PLANNING COMMISSION SINCE 2009.

Other relevant information (civic activities, memberships, etc.):
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT TEXARKANA COLLEGE
MEMBER OF COUNTY AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

References: List the name and phone number of at least one Texarkana resident as a reference, especially any City staff, City Council, or current Committee members who may be contacted on your behalf.
Name: SUE JOHNSON Phone Number: _____

Interest: Explain why you are interested in being appointed to this board or commission.
WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON PLANNING COMMISSION

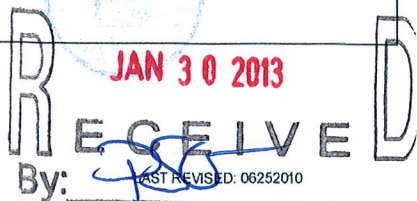
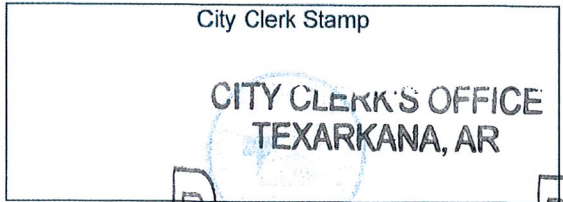
Experience: Indicate what meeting(s) you have attended of the committee for which you wish to be considered.
HAVE BEEN TO MOST MEETINGS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SINCE MAY OF 2009.

Number of Texarkana, Arkansas Board of Directors Meetings you have attended in the past 12 months: 0

Please read the statement below and sign your name to indicate your understanding.
I UNDERSTAND MY ATTENDANCE WILL BE REQUIRED AT ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of Applicant: [Signature] Date Submitted: 1/30/2013

Return completed application to:
Patti Scott Grey, City Clerk
216 Walnut Street (or)
P O Box 2711
Texarkana TX 75504-2711
Phone 870-779-4995 or Fax 870-774-3170



Please Note: This application will be on file for one (1) year.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Authorized by A.C.A. 14-56-416 and Texarkana, Arkansas Code 28-111---114
3 – YEAR TERMS

	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term Date</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Ward</u>
Clyde “Boots” Thomas 5807 Deerwood Drive 903-831-2715 (work)	Resolution No. 2021-38 Reappointment	02/17/2020----2023	4	6
Bonnie Auck 2102 Hays Avenue 870-772-4155	Resolution No. 2021-38 Reappointment	02/17/2021----2024	5	2
I. Don Nelson 3540 Crestwood Drive 870-772-7363	Resolution No. 2021-38 Reappointment	02/17/2021----2024	6	5
Ricky Pondexter 4302 Sanderson Lane 870-772-3501 (home) 903-826-5550 (work)	Resolution No. 2022-32 Reappointment	02/17/2022----2025	3	6
Ray Cox 1106 Draughn Street	Resolution No. 2022-32 Reappointment	02/17/2022----2025	3	1