

**RESOLUTION 2012-50**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA NOMINATING THE LA FERIA EXPRESSWAY 83 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND MOBILITY PROJECT FOR THE 2012 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND COMMITTING LOCAL FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation has requested the nomination of projects within twelve diverse transportation-related categories for funding from the Transportation Enhancement Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, pedestrian and bicycle facilities are one category of projects eligible for funding; and,

**WHEREAS**, due to the lack of sidewalks, the residents of La Feria neighborhoods, in the vicinity of U.S. Expressway 83, cannot safely and conveniently walk to the many restaurants, businesses, retail stores, and La Feria High School and Middle School located near the intersection of the U.S. Expressway 83 Frontage Road and F.M. 506 (Main Street); and,

**WHEREAS**, nonetheless, despite the danger and awkwardness of walking along the roadway without a sidewalk, due to necessity, many residents walk to and from their homes and these other destinations anyway; and,

**WHEREAS**, if safe and convenient pedestrian access were available, for reasons of health and fitness, pleasure, and to save the expense of operating a car, many more residents would choose to walk the short distance from home to these essential destinations; and,

**WHEREAS**, beginning just three years ago, the City of La Feria is now served by two public bus routes operated by Valley Metro, which provide access to educational, employment and other opportunities at South Texas Technical College, South Texas College, hospitals, doctors' offices, and other health care facilities, and large retail centers in the nearby cities of Harlingen, Mercedes, Weslaco and McAllen; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City proposes to improve pedestrian access through *the La Feria Expressway 83 Pedestrian Safety and Mobility Project*; and,

**WHEREAS**, *the La Feria Expressway 83 Pedestrian Safety and Mobility Project* will provide three miles of sidewalk and directly benefit more than eight hundred households as well as the businesses and services that these residents will patronize; and,

**WHEREAS**, *the La Feria Expressway 83 Pedestrian Safety and Mobility Project* will provide safe and convenient pedestrian access to the two Rio Metro bus routes that serve the City of La Feria; and,

**WHEREAS**, *the La Feria Expressway 83 Pedestrian Safety and Mobility Project* will connect with the existing sidewalk on FM 506 (Main Street) south of the Expressway, and thereby provide safe and convenient pedestrian access to a supermarket, the post office, several churches, City Hall, the Dunlap Memorial Public Library, the public swimming pool and other city parks located in and near La Feria's historical downtown,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of La Feria will apply for funding from the Texas Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement Program to accomplish *the La Feria Expressway 83 Pedestrian Safety and Mobility Project*.

The City hereby commits to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management and financing. The City further agrees to provide the required local cash match of no less than twenty percent (20%) of the total project cost, including being responsible for all non-federally fundable items and one hundred percent (100%) of all cost overruns.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2012.**

**APPROVED:**



**Steve Brewer, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
**Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney**