

**Proposition 1 Funding Application
City of Temple
South 1st Street from Temple College Apartments to Avenue O**

Texas House Bill 20 (HB20) provides the following definition of “project” and criteria, followed by Temple City Staff’s assessment of how the S. 1st Street Project meets each criterion:

(2) "Project" means a connectivity or new capacity roadway project in the region of a planning organization. The term does not include a safety project, bridge project, federal discretionary project, maintenance project, or preservation project.

Sec. 201.9932. PROJECT RECOMMENDATION CRITERIA. Each planning organization shall develop its own project recommendation criteria, which must include consideration of:

- 1) Projected improvements to congestion and safety

The purpose of the road enhancement project is primarily to improve the overall auto, bicycle and pedestrian safety for the section of S. 1st Street (Spur 290) directly in front of the U. S. Veterans Administration facility, as well as to improve automobile circulation by adding the following:

- ***Acceleration and deceleration lanes to allow for a safer transition of automobile traffic entering and exiting this Major Arterial.***
- ***Left turn lanes:***
 - ***With a workforce of 3,367 employees, the Olin E. Teague Veterans’ Medical Center alone generates a significant amount of traffic along S. 1st Street, which provides the only 3 access points into the facility.***
 - ***Like the accel and decel lane improvements, the left-turn lanes will allow for a smooth transition of automobiles turning into the facility.***
- ***10-foot sidewalks/trails and pedestrian crosswalks:***
 - ***One of the most needed improvements is for veterans that access the VA facility by foot, bicycle or wheel chair***
 - ***The 10-foot shared use hike and bike facility will provide a safe trail that is landscaped and separated from auto traffic***
 - ***Decorative pavers will clearly mark the crosswalks at both Avenues R and U.***
 - ***Improved access to transit***
 - ***The HOP #510 bus route that connects the VA Hospital to downtown and S. Temple along S. 1st Street, has one of the highest levels of ridership within Temple.***
 - ***The proposed aforementioned improvements will not only allow for safer bus travel, loading and unloading, but they will also improve the pedestrian, bicycle and wheelchair access to the VA facility for bus rider patients.***

- 2) Projected effects on economic development opportunities for residents of the region

In addition to improving congestion and multi-modal connectivity, the proposed project is intended to provide the following economic development opportunities:

- ***Project is located within the Temple Medical Education District (TMED) whose vision according the 2009 Master Plan is “To be a catalyst and facilitator...in order to protect and enhance the existing campuses, as well as to encourage and entice private sector investment.”***
- ***The design enhancement elements of the project, including decorative paving and landscaping, should help to stimulate additional private investment in the corridor. The project should also reinforce the creation of a unique physical identity for the district to complement other TMED capital improvement projects underway and in design, such as at Avenue R, Avenue U and S. 25th Street, which is almost completed (see attached photos).***
- ***The 10-foot shared use path/trail will provide an important pedestrian connection that will also result in providing a continuous network between the VA Hospital, Temple College and downtown.***

- 3) Available funding

- ***Estimated total project cost: \$8,746,700 (funded by the Temple Reinvestment Zone and budgeted for FY 2018)***
- ***TXDOT funding would:***
 - 1) ***Allow for this funded project to begin sooner; and***
 - 2) ***Free up resources to address critical capacity and connectivity issues in other parts of town, such as for funding an important connection between the Outer Loop (Old Waco Road) and S. IH-35.***

- 4) Effects on the environment, including air quality

By improving congestion and multi-modal transportation options along the S. 1st Street corridor, the project proposes to improve traffic flow, thereby reducing automobile emissions and to reduce the number of cars as a result of improved pedestrian, bicycle, wheel chair and transit accessibility.

- 5) Socioeconomic effects, including disproportionately high and adverse health or environmental effects on minority or low-income neighborhoods

The project is located within an Environmental Justice area, which would provide enhanced accessibility for nearby low income residents to the VA Hospital, as well as to other nearby employers and services.

- 6) Any other factors deemed appropriate by the planning organization.

A design workshop with a planning consultant and key stakeholders was funded by the Temple Reinvestment Zone and held in June 2015 to articulate a vision for future development within a proposed expanded S. 1st Street corridor (south of Loop 363) that would include higher density mixed use (commercial and residential), which has been called TMED South. The improvements associated with this South 1st Street from Temple College Apartments to Avenue O project will also accommodate future residential development within a half mile to the south.

Attachments

Project Map

30% Construction Drawings

Project Timeline

Avenue R photos

5th STREET

AVENUE U

AVENUE R

AVENUE P

AVENUE O

TEMPLE COLLEGE



T M E D

1ST STREET GATEWAY PROJECT ULTIMATE LAYOUT

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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

OLIN E. TEAGUE VETERANS CENTER



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HORIZONTAL SCALE IN FEET

