



Legislation Text

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Consider a resolution expressing the City's intent to authorize the execution of a Multiple Use Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to permit the City to construct, maintain, and operate a portion of the extension of Kenney Fort Boulevard within State right-of-way.

This segment of Kenney Fort Blvd. roadway is being designed and planned as an ultimate 6-lane divided urban roadway from Forest Creek Dr. to SH 45. This segment of roadway is being proposed as a stand-alone project but is only one part of a multi-segment multi-phase vision to construct a north/south arterial from the city's northern boundary to SH 45 to the south.

The Kenney Fort Blvd. corridor is an important north/south transportation artery in Round Rock. This arterial roadway has been identified in the city's Master Transportation Plan as a corridor (Arterial A) that is essential to the city's long term growth and continued prosperity. The Master Transportation Plan has determined the ultimate section for this thoroughfare to be a 6-lane divided urban facility. This roadway section will provide increased mobility as well as enhance the driving experience in Round Rock. Mobility will be increased by providing another reliever route from northeast Round Rock to SH 45 to the south, thereby lessening the flow of traffic to IH 35. This segment will also open up opportunities for additional economic development along the proposed route.

This resolution will initiate the process of an important piece of this project involving gaining access to the State's right of way for construction of a small segment of Kenney Fort Boulevard. The Transportation Department recommends that the City of Round Rock authorize the negotiation process to move forward with TxDOT and an MUA be executed. There is no cost associated with this resolution, any costs will be determined in the process and brought to council at a later date for approval.