



**CITY OF TYLER  
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**Agenda Number:** R-3

**Date:** April 26, 2006

**Subject:** Request that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the application of the Camp Ford Visitors Center for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) of the Texas Department of Transportation.

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**Item Reference:** Safe, Accountable, Flexible and the Efficient-Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy of Users (SAFETEA-LU); Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP)

As part of the Federal Highway reauthorization bill, known as Safe, Accountable, Flexible and the Efficient-Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy of Users (SAFETEA-LU), the Federal Highway Administration has set aside funding for enhancement projects. The Texas Department of Transportation has issued a project nominations call under its Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program. These enhancement projects are funded 80 percent federal/state and 20 percent local. Enhancement projects are for projects that enhance the quality of life around the transportation system. The Camp Ford Historical Association has asked the City of Tyler to sponsor their project, but the City is not funding the local match. The local match will be raised by the Camp Ford Historical Association.


- Camp Ford Visitors Center – to extend the Tyler Trail System from Grande to Faulkner Park. This project would include 4.4 miles of trail.

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| Total cost:          | \$ | 1,177,019.00 |
| Local portion (20%): | \$ | 235,404.00   |

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the application of the Camp Ford Visitors Center for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) of the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Drafted/Recommended By:**  
**Department Leader**

  
**Kirk Houser, P.E., Traffic Engineer**

**Edited/Submitted By:**  
**City Manager**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2006-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATIONS OF THE CAMP FORD VISITORS CENTER PROJECT FOR THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS.**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City Council to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, has called for project nominations for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) starting November 1, 2005 and ending on April 28, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Transportation enhancements are provided under the federal transportation legislation, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient-Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); and

**WHEREAS**, the STEP program includes transportation-related activities that contribute to the livelihood of communities, promote the quality of the environment and enhance the aesthetics of roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the STEP program is to encourage diverse modes of travel, increase the community benefits to transportation investment, strengthen partnerships between State and local governments, and promote citizen involvement in transportation decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation has federal funds available, in the form of 80% federal funding with 20% local matching funds, through the Transportation Enhancement Program for the purpose of cities with transportation related projects; and

**WHEREAS**, all projects must demonstrate a relationship to the surface transportation system through either function or impact, go beyond standard transportation activities, and incorporate one of the 12 categories established for the STEP program; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the categories established for the STEP program is scenic and historic highway programs to include providing tourist and welcome center facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the categories established for the STEP program is historic preservations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tyler wishes to improve the entrances into the City and provide travel information to area visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Camp Ford is a viable and important historical asset to the City, Schools and Local Businesses and;

**WHEREAS**, the Camp Ford Historical Association shall be responsible for funding the local match for this project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS:**

**PART 1:** That the City of Tyler will apply for funding through the Texas Department of Transportation to make the necessary improvements to accomplish the Camp Ford Visitors Center. The City agrees to commit to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management and financing. The City further agrees to provide the required local match at 20% or greater of the total project cost, estimated to be \$235,404.00, including being responsible for all non-federally fundable items and 100 percent of all overruns.

**PART 2:** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

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JOSEPH O. SEEBER, MAYOR  
OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

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APPROVED:

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CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

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CITY ATTORNEY