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City Awarded Highway Safety Improvement Grant

ROWLETT, TEXAS— The City of Rowlett has been awarded a \$752,318.47 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), after submitting an application in May 2017 for the 2017 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The HSIP is for highway safety projects that eliminate or reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. It is limited to improvements that address the crash types identified in the Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Funds are provided for construction and operational improvements both on and off the state highway system.

The focus of the City's grant submittal was for State Highway 66 (SH 66), based on crash data collected over the past several years. This project will improve vehicle detection at all the signals along SH 66, convert the applicable signals with the flashing yellow arrow phase, and install new back plates and signal heads at all signals. The grant funding will enhance the City's Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS), which Rowlett voters approved in the 2015 Community Investment Bond Program.

There is no City match requirement for receiving this grant; however, the City will be responsible for the engineering design, which will begin in January 2018 with an estimated cost of approximately \$70,000. The installation of the traffic signal improvements is planned for summer 2018, after conforming to the TxDOT bidding process. For more information about this grant award, please contact Shawn Poe, PE at spoe@rowlett.com or at 972-412-6196.

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