



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Agenda Date	August 11, 2026
Requested Action	APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R44; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS, FORMALLY ENDORSING ALTERNATIVE 1 AS THE CITY'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS (TURN-LANE ADDITIONS) AT STATE HIGHWAY 46 (RIVER ROAD) AND HERFF ROAD/ESSER ROAD, SUBMITTED TO THE ALAMO AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (AAMPO) CALL FOR PROJECTS.
Contact Person	Jeffrey Carroll – Engineering & Mobility Director
Background Information	The intersection of SH 46 (River Road) and Herff Road/Esser Road is the City's highly ranked intersection for safety and mobility improvements under both the Boerne Mobility Master Plan (MMP) and the recently adopted Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). TxDOT applied for and received federal funding through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (AAMPO) most recent call for projects to design and construct additional turn lanes for this intersection. TxDOT has developed two concept designs and requested local input for a recommendation before they begin their formal design: Alternative 1 – New Easement (Staff Recommended) • Adds the required turn lanes by acquiring a new easement from the Cibolo Center for Conservation • Avoids all heritage trees at the site (bridge and easement alignment specifically routed around them) • Does not require modifying the existing bridge structure • Lower cost, shorter construction timeline • Trade-off: requires negotiating and acquiring an offsite easement

	Alternative 2 – Widen Within Existing Right-of-Way • Adds the same turn lanes by widening Herff Road to its centerline within existing City/TxDOT right-of-way • Avoids the need for any new easement • Requires widening the existing bridge structure; a higher cost and longer construction timeline • Requires removal of several large heritage trees in the Herff Road median City staff has coordinated directly with the Cibolo Center for Conservation. The Center's executive board has adopted a resolution supporting Alternative 1 and has granted the City temporary right of entry to conduct a tree survey confirming the alignment avoids heritage trees. Because SH 46 is a state highway, TxDOT retains final design and funding authority. This resolution formally communicates the City's preference for Alternative 1 to TxDOT. It does not commit City funds — any City financial participation would require separate Council approval.
Strategic Alignment	C3 – Collaborating with community partners to enhance quality of life F2 – Investing in and maintaining high-quality and resilient infrastructure, mobility, and public assets B2 – Advancing masterplan recommendations B4 – Administering environmental stewardship programs and protecting Boerne’s natural resources.
Financial Considerations	N/A
Citizen Input/Board Review	In addition to City planning efforts, this location was also discussed in the Kendall County Boerne Fair Oaks Transportation Committee (KCBFOTC)
Legal Review	N/A
Alternative Options	N/A
Supporting Documents	Resolution No. 2026-R44 Cibolo Center for Conservation Resolution