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To: City Council
From: Kate McCloud, Grants Administrator
Jennifer Shortess, Assistant Director of Engineering
Date: October 27, 2025
Subject: Public Hearing required for Flood Infrastructure Funding application for Seguin Regional Drainage Masterplan

Historical Background

The city submitted an abridged application for Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), Flood Infrastructure Funding (FIF) in late 2024. This application included several proposed flood and drainage related projects for funding. In September the city was invited to submit a full financial assistance application for one of those proposed projects, the Seguin Regional Drainage Masterplan Update. This second half of the application process provided TWDB with more detailed financial, legal, engineering information for a technical application review. As part of the application process the city is required to hold a public meeting for the project to inform citizens of the project, how the project would benefit the community, and gather public input about flood risks.

Passed by the Legislature and approved by Texas voters through a constitutional amendment, the FIF program provides financial assistance in the form of loans and grants for flood control, flood mitigation, and drainage projects. The FIF program provides opportunities for loans with an interest rate of 0% and grants for cities, counties and eligible districts. The FIF program allows for a wide range of flood projects. Only Flood Management Evaluations (FME), Flood Mitigation Projects (FMP), and Flood Management Strategies (FMS) recommended in an amended regional flood plan approved by the TWDB are eligible for financial assistance.

The project under consideration for funding is to expand the Seguin Drainage Master Plan. This update would include incorporating Youngs Creek, Cottonmouth Creek, Geronimo Creek, and Long Branch-Mill Creek watersheds to the plan scope and conduct studies to be used for hazard mitigation planning along these channels. As extreme weather events and flood waters do not recognize jurisdictional boundaries, like county and city limits, partners will work together to address flooding as a regional issue. The proposed Seguin Regional Drainage Masterplan will provide a basis to identify flooding vulnerabilities for existing infrastructure and impacts from future growth to improve flood resilience in the watershed, thus making those projects eligible for future FIF funding.

The city is estimating the total project cost to be \$1.1 million. Of that amount, \$825,000 would be grant funded, and the remaining \$275,000 would be funded by a TWDB FIF Zero Percent Interest loan.

Action Requested

Conduct a public hearing about the proposed Seguin Regional Drainage Masterplan Update.

Procurement Methodology & Funding Source

N/A.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends discussion and public comments about the Seguin Regional Drainage Masterplan Update.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Drainage Master Plan Service Area Map