Memorial Drive Phase 2

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The 2024 USDOT Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) Guidance for Discretionary Grant Programs forms the basis for the methodologies employed to estimate quantified and, subsequently, monetized benefits. ¹ This BCA evaluation process examines the fundamental question of whether the anticipated societal benefits of the project justify the associated costs, acknowledging the inherent difficulty in quantifying some benefits and costs. This analysis examines how the No-Build and Build Scenarios enhance societal benefits over the planning horizon.

This BCA analysis quantifies the net difference between the No-Build and Build Scenarios for the Memorial Drive Phase 2 Project ("Project"). The project limits are detailed in Table 1.

Table 1. Project Limits

| Street | Terminus A | Terminus B | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Gessner Road | Memorial Drive | Vanderpool Lane | | |
| Memorial Drive | Tallowood Road | Warrenton Drive | | |

BCA Results Summary

Benefits and costs in real dollars and discounted real dollars are shown in the table below. The benefitcost ratio is 1.50 in 2022 real dollars and 1.07 when discounted at 3.1%.

Table 2. BCA Summary

| Scenario | \$2022 Real Dollars | \$2022 Real Dollars 3.1% Discount | | |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Benefits | \$41,107,000 | \$25,325,000 | | |
| Costs | \$27,520,000 | \$23,709,000 | | |
| ВСА | 1.49 | 1.07 | | |

BCA Methodology and Foundations

The baseline (No-Build) and Build methodology and calculations for each benefit are contained within this technical memorandum, supported by the BCA Excel Workbook. The calculation is based on the following methodologies and general assumptions.

Real Dollars & Discount Rate

All monetized values in the analysis are standardized to 2022 (real dollars). Costs from previous years were adjusted using a 2.79% annual inflation factor, derived from Table A-7 of the 2024 USDOT BCA Guide, to **reflect real dollars in 2022**.¹ The final present-value estimates in this **Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) utilized a 3.1% discount rate** recommended by OMB Circular A-94 for both benefits and costs. Real dollars, also known as inflation-free or constant dollars, allow for consistent comparisons over time by negating the effects of inflation.

¹ United States Department of Transportation (2024). Benefit-Cost Analysis Guidance for Discretionary Grant Programs. Retrieved January 2024 from <u>https://www.transportation.gov/office-policy/transportation-policy/benefit-cost-analysis-guidance-discretionary-grant-programs-0</u>

Summarized Costs

The costs for the Project in the year of expenditure amount to \$35,179,000 (nominal dollars). Applying an annual inflation factor of 2.79%, the costs were discounted from the expenditure year to reflect real dollars in 2022. Consequently, the total project cost in 2022 real dollars is \$27,520,000. These costs are discounted at 3.1% from the expenditure year to 2022, resulting in total discounted costs of \$23,708,000.

Table 3. Project Costs

| Cost | Nominal \$ Year of Expenditure No Discount | Real \$ \$2022 No Discount | 3.1% Discount \$2022 | |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Planning | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | |
| Design/Environmental | \$2,076,000 | \$1,849,000 | \$1,636,000 | |
| Construction | \$29,391,000 | \$25,421,000 | \$21,822,000 | |
| Project Costs | \$31,717,000 | \$27,520,000 | \$23,709,000 | |

Planning Horizon

The planning horizon spans from 2022 to 2047, initiating from the project's planning phase. The Project is expected to begin operations in 2028, with a projected 20-year operating period. Consequently, benefits are quantified over the 20-year period from 2028 to 2047.

No-Build Scenario

The No-Build scenario assumes minimal planned improvements to the project corridor's roadway. It considers factors such as future changes in traffic volumes and routine maintenance that would occur irrespective of the proposed project.

Build Scenario

The build scenario is a complete road reconstruction with new sub-surface utilities, stormwater conveyance system, and a shared-use path accommodating pedestrians and bicyclists. Additionally, a minimum of a four-foot-wide safety buffer/clear zone between the travel lanes and the shared use paths increases safety and allows for the planting of trees. The specific elements included in the road reconstruction are broken into segments:

Memorial Drive from Tallowood to Tealwood Drive (.4 miles)

- Four travel lanes of 11-ft each
- Convert center left turn lane to dedicated left-turn lanes at all median openings. The raised medians will be 3-ft to 18-ft along the entire corridor
- An 8' wide shared use path along both the north and south sides. Currently only a 4-5' sidewalk exists mostly on the south side. This is a new multimodal transportation option, providing access to multiple places including Frostwood Elementary School.
- Conversion to new concrete pavement (currently asphalt)

- Install a new traffic signal at the intersection of Litchfield Dr and Memorial Dr to improve safety and access
- Upgrade the traffic signal from span wire to mast arm at the intersection of Benignus Dr and Memorial Dr
- Install pavement markings, crosswalks, and upgrade ADA ramps as needed along the entire corridor

Memorial Drive from Tealwood Drive to Gessner Road (.1 mile)

- Convert existing asphalt roadway to concrete roadway concrete curb and gutter roadway separated by 3-ft wide median
- Construct new 6-ft to 8-ft wide sidewalks along north side of the roadway, and upgrade south side sidewalks to 6-ft to 8-ft.

Memorial Drive from Gessner Road to just east of Plantation Drive (.1 mile)

- Convert existing asphalt roadway to concrete roadway concrete curb and gutter roadway separated by 3-ft to 14-ft wide median
- Upgrade existing sidewalks to 6-ft to 8-ft wide along both sides of the roadway

Gessner Road from just north of Memorial Drive to Vanderpool Lane (.4 mile)

- Reconstruct northbound lanes of Gessner Road
- Construct new 6-ft wide sidewalks along southbound side

The build scenario includes a reconstruction of the Memorial Drive-Gessner Road intersection to support more controlled turning movements, safer pedestrian and bicyclist crossings, and improved traffic operations.

Major Key Data Points

To measure the economic value of outcomes to be achieved by a project, several key data points are used throughout the analysis.

Annual Average Daily Traffic

Current and future vehicle daily volumes are obtained from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Statewide Planning Map.²

Table 4. Average Daily Traffic Volume

| Segment | 2022 | 2041 | CAGR |
|--|--------|--------|-------|
| Memorial Drive: Tallowood Road - Warrenton Drive | 12,905 | 18,068 | 1.79% |
| Gessner Road: Memorial Drive - Vanderpool Lane | 20,028 | 28,039 | 1.79% |

Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled

Vehicle miles traveled are calculated by multiplying the daily AADT by the length of the project corridor.

Table 5. Average Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (Without Modal Diversion)

² TxDOT – Statewide Planning Map. Accessed on March 2024, from

https://www.txdot.gov/apps/statewide_mapping/StatewidePlanningMap.html

| Segment | Corridor Length Miles | 2022 | 2041 |
|--|--------------------------|-------|--------|
| Memorial Drive: Tallowood Road - Warrenton Drive | 0.6 | 7,743 | 10,841 |
| Gessner Road: Memorial Drive - Vanderpool Lane | 0.4 | 8,011 | 11,216 |

Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled with Modal Diversion

The benefits of active transportation improvements of the Project are mostly derived from the new projected walking and cycling trips diverted from automobile use. New daily induced trips are gathered from the Activity-Connectivity Explorer (ACE) Advance viewer interactive web app on H-GAC website. The induced daily trips are multiplied by the pedestrian facility length (0.60 mi) and the bike facility length (0.40) to estimate the VMT reduction derived from modal diversion.

Table 6. Daily VMT Reduced by Modal Diversion

| Mode | Daily Induced Demand 2027 | Daily Induced Demand 2046 | Daily VMT Reduced 2027 | Daily VMT Reduced 2046 |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pedestrian | 42 | 58 | 36 | 50 |
| Bike | 124 | 171 | 295 | 407 |
| Total | 166 | 229 | 332 | 457 |

Table 7. Average Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (With Modal Diversion)

| Segment | Corridor Length Miles | 2027 | 2046 |
|--|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Memorial Drive: Tallowood Road - Warrenton Drive | 0.60 | 13,771 | 19,299 |
| Gessner Road: Memorial Drive - Vanderpool Lane | 0.40 | 21,554 | 30,202 |

Project Specific Monetized Benefits

The 2024 USDOT BCA guidance provides guidance on an array of benefits that can be monetized using parameters provided by the USDOT. Proceeding with the **Build** scenario will yield the following monetizable societal benefits; however, there are also associated disbenefits with the project, as explained below:

Benefit 1: Remaining Useful Life of Asset

The asset is expected to have a 50-year useful life. After 20 years of operation, 60% of its useful life will remain at the end of the planning horizon.

| Table 8. Useful Life | | |
|--|----------|--------------|
| Useful Life Calculation | No Build | Build |
| Construction Cost | \$0 | \$25,421,000 |
| (x) Remaining Life at End of Planning Horizon | | 40% |
| Total in Real \$ | \$0 | \$15,253,000 |
| Total Monetized Benefit Real \$ (Build – No Build) | \$15, | 253,000 |
| Total Monetized Benefit Discounted @ 3.1% (Build – No Build) | \$7,3 | 331,000 |

Benefit 2: State of Good Repair

Maintenance and user costs associated with the condition of a roadway's surface are significant factors in the decision to continue with the current pavement or to replace it. The capital expenditure required for a reconstruction project can make economic sense if it saves money over the planning horizon. Demonstrating a roadway's current surface condition, or state of good repair (SOGR), and projecting the costs and benefits for maintenance strategies inform decision-making.

| Table 9. State of Good Repair | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| State of Good Repair Calculation | No Build | Build |
| On-Going Maintenance Cost | \$523 <i>,</i> 800 | \$58,200 |
| Rehab Cost | \$5,363,300 | \$0 |
| Residual Life of Rehab | (\$1,807,600) | \$0 |
| User Costs (Value of Travel Time) | \$2,219,800 | \$878,200 |
| Vehicle Wear and Tear | \$2,157,400 | \$271,400 |
| Total in Real \$ | \$8,456,600 | \$1,207,700 |
| Total Monetized Benefit Real \$ (No Build – Build) | \$7,2 | 48,900 |
| Total Monetized Benefit Discounted @ 3.1% (No Build – Build) | \$4,9 | 30,400 |

Benefit 3: Safety Improvements

The analysis uses the average number of crashes by type over the last 5 years (2019-2023) from TxDOT Crash Record Information System (CRIS) database. The appropriate reduction factor was given by TxDOT based on the 2022 TxDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) work codes, and the damages avoided are quantified using USDOT parameters by injury type.³ A crash can only be assigned to one work code. If multiple work codes are applicable to one crash, the work code with the highest crash reduction rate will be assigned to that crash. For the Project, crashes and corresponding injuries were assigned to codes listed in tables below.

| | First Harmful Event - Auto | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Injury | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Average (No-Build) | | |
| Non-Injury | 74 | 33 | 22 | 43 | 31 | 40.6 | | |
| Possible Injury | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 4.2 | | |
| Non-Incap. Injury | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Serious Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.4 | | |
| Fatality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Unknown Injury | 5 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 3.4 | | |

Table 10. Roadway Related Crashes - Injury Data (5-Year Average)

³ Texas Department of Transportation (2022). Highway Safety Improvement Manual. Retrieved August 2022 from <u>https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/forms-publications/publications/highway-safety.html</u>

| Injury | Roadway Countermeasure #1 - 303, 401 Resurfacing, Install Pavement Markings Reduction Factor: 50% Service Life: 10 Years | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|----|----|----|----|------|------|--|--|
| | 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 Average (No-Build) | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Injury | 57 | 23 | 17 | 32 | 21 | 30.0 | 15.0 | | |
| Possible Injury | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2.4 | 1.2 | | |
| Non-Incap. Injury | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.8 | 0.4 | | |
| Serious Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | | |
| Fatality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | |
| Unknown Injury | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2.2 | 1.1 | | |

Table 11. Countermeasure #1 - 303, 401 Resurfacing, Install Pavement Markings

Table 12. Roadway Countermeasure #2 - 203, 407 Install Raised Median, Install Sidewalks

| Injury | Roadway Countermeasure #2 - 203, 407 Install Raised Median, Install Sidewalks Reduction Factor: 37% Service Life: 20 Years | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|--|--|
| | 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 Average (No-Build) | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Injury | 12 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 7.4 | 4.7 | | |
| Possible Injury | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1.0 | 0.6 | | |
| Non-Incap. Injury | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 | 0.4 | | |
| Serious Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | |
| Fatality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | |
| Unknown Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | | |

| Injury | Roadway Countermeasure #3 -209, 304 Safety Treat Fixed Objects, Safety Lighting Reduction Factor: 72% Service Life: 20 Years | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|------|------|------|------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Average (No-Build) | Average (Build) | | | |
| Non-Injury | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1.8 | 0.5 | | | |
| Possible Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | | | |
| Non-Incap. Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| Serious Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| Fatality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| Unknown Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | | | |

Table 13. Roadway Countermeasure #3 -209, 304 Safety Treat Fixed Objects, Safety Lighting

 Table 14. Roadway Countermeasure #4 - 108, 401, 403 Improve Traffic Signals, Install Pavement Markings, Install Pedestrian Crosswalk

| Injury | Roadway Countermeasure #4 - 108, 401, 403 Improve Traffic Signals, Install Pavement Markings, Install Pedestrian Crosswalk Reduction Factor: 30% Service Life: 10 Years | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|------|------|------|------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Average (No-Build) | Average (Build) | | | |
| Non-Injury | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 2.8 | 2.0 | | | |
| Possible Injury | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1.2 | 0.8 | | | |
| Non-Incap. Injury | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1.2 | 0.8 | | | |
| Serious Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| Fatality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| Unknown Injury | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | | | |

| Table 15. | Bike | Related | Crashes - | - Iniurv | / Data | (5-Year | Average) |
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| | First Harmful Event – Bike | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Injury | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Average (No-Build) | | |
| Non-Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.2 | | |
| Possible Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | | |
| Non-Incap. Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.4 | | |
| Serious Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | | |
| Fatality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | | |
| Unknown Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | | |

Table 16. Bike Counter Measure #1 Buffered Bicycle Lane on 4-lane roads

| | Bicycle Countermeasure #1 - Buffered bicycle lane on 4-lane roads Reduction Factor: 63% | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--|------|------|------|------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Injury | Service Life: 20 Years | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Average (No-Build) | Average (Build) | | | |
| Non-Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | | | |
| Possible Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| Non-Incap. Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | | | |
| Serious Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| Fatality | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| Unknown Injury | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |

Table 17. Safety - Auto

| Safety - Auto | No Build | Build | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--|
| Countermeasure #1 - 303, 401 Resurfacing, Install Pavement Markings | \$15,591,200 | \$7,795,600 | |
| Countermeasure #2 - 203, 407 Install Raised Median, Install Sidewalks | \$7,520,400 | \$4,737,900 | |
| Countermeasure #3 -209, 304 Safety Treat Fixed Objects, Safety Lighting | \$2,367,600 | \$662,900 | |
| Countermeasure #4 - 108, 401, 403 Improve Traffic Signals, Install Pavement Markings, Install Pedestrian Crosswalk | \$6,026,800 | \$4,218,800 | |
| Total in Real \$ | \$31,506,000 | \$17,415,200 | |
| Total Monetized Benefit Real \$ (No Build – Build) | \$14,091,000 | | |
| Total Monetized Benefit Discounted @ 3.1% (No Build – Build) | \$10,141,000 | | |

Table 18. Safety - Bike

| Safety – Bike | No Build | Build | |
|--|-------------|-----------|--|
| Counter Measure #1 Buffered Bicycle Lane on 4-lane Roads | \$1,890,400 | \$699,400 | |
| Total in Real \$ | \$1,890,400 | \$699,400 | |
| Total Monetized Benefit Real \$ (No Build – Build) | \$1,1 | 91,000 | |
| Total Monetized Benefit Discounted @ 3.1% (No Build – Build) | \$777,000 | | |

Table 19. Safety – All

| Safety – Total Benefits⁴ | No Build | Build |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Auto | \$31,506,000 | \$17,415,200 |
| Bike | \$1,890,400 | \$699,400 |
| Total in Real \$ | \$33,396,400 | \$18,114,600 |
| Total Monetized Benefit Real \$ (No Build – Build) | \$15,2 | 282,000 |
| Total Monetized Benefit Discounted @ 3.1% (No Build – Build) | \$10,9 | 18,000 |

⁴ No pedestrian countermeasures were identified for this project since there were no pedestrian crashes recorded over the past five years for this corridor.

Benefit 4: Value of Time

The impact of a project on congestion can be measured through the value of travel time (VoTT) on the network. Travel time has a direct relationship with overall network congestion. The more congested a roadway or network is, the longer the travel time is, thereby increasing person hours traveled. The methodology for determining congestion benefits/disbenefit uses Synchro software to analyze delay reduction at intersections with a micro-level model during the AM and PM peak hour and then extrapolated to 24 hours delays. This method requires collecting the current traffic counts, including pedestrian counts, along the affected roadways and project the future volume under the Build and Nobuild scenarios. The Synchro analysis shows the operational impacts of the proposed Project, which includes intersection delay (see table below).

| Delay (Sec/Vehicle) (2028) | AM No-Build | AM Build | PM No-Build | PM Build |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Memorial Dr / Gessner Rd | 43.50 | 43.10 | 55.30 | 49.16 |
| Memorial Dr / Litchfield & Benignus | 7.60 | 18.50 | 7.90 | 15.10 |
| Total Daily Hours of Delay (No Build | -7.8 | | | |

Table 20. Daily Hours of Delay 2028

| Table 21. Daily Hours of Delay 2048 | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|--|--|
| Delay (Sec/Vehicle) (2048) | AM No-Build | AM Build | PM No-Build | PM Build | | |
| Memorial Dr / Gessner Rd | 57.60 | 56.40 | 90.20 | 87.80 | | |
| Memorial Dr / Litchfield & Benignus | 8.20 | 22.10 | 8.70 | 16.90 | | |
| Total Daily Hours of Delay (No Build | -9.5 | | | | | |

The 2023 USDOT BCA Guidance provides recommended hourly values (\$2022) of travel time savings for occupants of passenger vehicles (\$19.60/person-hour and 1.67 persons per vehicle) and for commercial vehicle operators (\$33.50/person-hour). A separate value is provided for reductions in other components or aspects of travel time, including walking, cycling, waiting time, transfer time, and time spent standing in a crowded transit vehicle (\$35.80/person-hour). The factors are multiplied by the total hours of delay experienced by each person derived from the delay seconds per vehicle above (note each vehicle is assumed to have 1.67 persons per vehicle).

| Table 22. Value of Time | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| Value of Time Calculation | No Build | Build |
| Auto Vehicles | \$27,815,750 | \$29,707,550 |
| Commercial Vehicles | \$941,100 | \$1,005,100 |
| Total in Real \$ | \$28,756,850 | \$30,712,650 |
| Total Monetized Benefit Real \$ (No Build – Build) | (\$1,9 | 56,000) |
| Total Monetized Benefit Discounted @ 3.1% (No Build – Build) | (\$1,243,000) | |

Benefit 5: Emissions

The Project will install new sidewalks that can accommodate both pedestrians and bicyclists, which will result in modal shift that reduces overall VMT.

H-GAC models NOx using the following emissions factor:

• Nitrogen Oxides (NOx): 0.19 grams (g) per VMT

United Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses the following emissions factor for CO2:5

• Carbon Dioxide (CO₂): 0.0089 metric tons per gallon of gasoline used.

NOx and CO₂ have measurable societal economic impacts on the economy. The 2023 USDOT BCA Guide provides recommended monetized values of damage costs for NOx and CO₂ emissions per metric ton by year between 2022 and 2050. These values are used to calculate the Project's benefit derived from the reduction of harmful air pollutants.

| Table 23. Emissions | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Emissions Calculation | No Build | Build |
| Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) | \$347,050 | \$308,200 |
| Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂) | \$530,750 | \$471,600 |
| Total in Real \$ | \$877,800 | \$779,800 |
| Total Monetized Benefit Real \$ (No Build – Build) | \$98 | 8,000 |
| Total Monetized Benefit Discounted @ 3.1% (No Build – Build) | \$6! | 5,000 |

Benefit 6: Facility Improvements

Improvements to pedestrian, cycling, transit facilities, and transit vehicles often provide amenities that can improve the quality and comfort of journeys made by active transportation (e.g., cyclists and pedestrians) and public transportation users. The improvements will not only benefit the existing users, but also encourage more walking, biking, and using public transit. The methodology used to estimate new active or public transportation demand is explained in the Major Key Data Points section on page 4. The 2023 USDOT BCA Guidance provides recommended monetized values for facility improvement benefits based on research of system user preferences.

Sidewalk Expansion Benefit = \$0.11 * Added Width (foot) * (½ New Walking Trips) * Trip Length Trip Length = Proposed Length of Expanded Sidewalk or 0.86 Miles (whichever is smaller)

Cycling Facility Improvement Benefit = Value per Cycling Mile * (½ New Cycling Trips) * Trip Length Trip Length = Proposed Cycling Facility Length or 2.38 Miles (whichever is smaller)

⁵ Environmental Protection Agency. (n.d.). EPA. Retrieved April 2024, from <u>https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gases-equivalencies-calculator-calculations-and-references</u>

| Table 24. Facility Improvements | | | | |
|--|--------------|----------|--|--|
| Facility Improvements Calculation | No Build | Build | | |
| Pedestrian Facility | NA | \$69,000 | | |
| Bike Facility | NA \$503,0 | | | |
| Total in Real \$ | NA \$572,000 | | | |
| Total Monetized Benefit Real \$ (Build – No Build) | \$572,000 | | | |
| Total Monetized Benefit Discounted @ 3.1% (Build – No Build) | \$367,000 | | | |

Benefit 7: Mortality Reduction

To monetize the reduction in mortality risks associated with increased walking, the 2023 USDOT BCA Guide recommends \$7.20 (\$2021) per induced walking trip. This is based on the following factors: an assumed average walking speed of 3.2 miles per hour, an assumed average age of 45 within the relevant age range (20-74 years), a corresponding baseline mortality risk of 267.1 per 100,000, an annual risk reduction of 8.6 percent per daily mile walked, and an average walking trip distance of 0.86 miles. This monetized value can only be applied to trips induced from non-active transportation modes within the relevant age range. A general assumption of 68% of overall induced trips falling into the walking age range (20-74 years), assuming a distribution matching the national average, is applied in the absence of more localized data on the proportion of the expected users falling into the age range.

Mortality Reduction Benefits = Number of New Walking Trips Induced from Non-Active Transportation Modes * 68% * \$7.20

The 2023 USDOT BCA Guide recommends \$6.42 (\$2021) per induced cycling trip to monetize reduced mortality risks associated with increased cycling. It is based on an assumed average cycling speed of 9.8 miles per hour, an assumed average age of 42 within the relevant age range (20-64 years), a corresponding baseline mortality risk of 217.9 per 100,000, an annual risk reduction of 4.3 percent per daily mile cycled, and an average cycling trip distance of 2.38 miles. This monetization value can only be applied to trips induced from non-active transportation modes within the relevant age ranges. A general assumption of 59% of overall induced trips falling into the cycling age range (20-64 years), assuming a distribution matching the national average, is applied in the absence of more localized data on the proportion of the expected users falling into the age range.

Mortality Reduction Benefits = Number of New Cycling Trips Induced from Non-Active Transportation Modes * 59% * \$6.42

| Table 25. Mortality Reduction | | |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Mortality Reduction Calculation | No Build | Build |
| Pedestrian Facility | NA | \$1,339,000 |
| Bike Facility | NA | \$3,054,000 |
| Total in Real \$ | NA \$4,393,000 | |
| Total Monetized Benefit Real \$ (Build – No Build) | \$4,393,000 | |
| Total Monetized Benefit Discounted @ 3.1% (Build – No Build) | i) \$2,816,000 | |

Benefit 8: Other Externalities

The 2023 USDOT BCA Guide provides recommended monetized values for externalities associated with highway use. The recommended costs per vehicle mile traveled including all kinds of vehicles in urban locations are \$0.144 for congestion and \$0.0048 for noise.

Other Externalities Reduction = VMT * (\$0.144+\$0.0048) VMT = Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduced because of Modal Diversion

 Table 26. Other Externalities Monetized Benefits

| Other Externalities Calculation | No Build | Build | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|--|
| Congestion Externality | \$1,059,250 | \$848,400 | |
| Noise Externality | \$35,100 \$28 | | |
| Total in Real \$ | \$1,094,350 \$876,500 | | |
| Total Monetized Benefit Real \$ (No Build – Build) | \$218,000 | | |
| Total Monetized Benefit Discounted @ 3.1% (No Build – Build) | Build) \$141,000 | | |

Summary of Benefits and Costs

The table below summarizes the Project benefits detailed above.

Table 27. Project Benefits Summary

| Benefit # | Benefit Name | Current Status/Baseline and Problem to be Addressed | Change to Baseline or Alternatives | Types of Impacts | \$2022 Monetized Value | \$2022 Real Dollars 3.1% Discount Rate |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Remaining Useful Life of Asset | The current asset has 0% remaining useful life | Replace infrastructure within public right-of-way | Extend useful life | \$15,253,000 | \$7,331,000 |
| 2 | State of Good Repair | Ongoing expensive maintenance of roadway pavement | Low maintenance required of new facility through the planning horizon | Maintenance cost savings | \$7,249,000 | \$4,930,000 |
| 3 | Safety Benefits | Outdated design, disproportionally higher crash rates | Safety improvement resulting in reduction in traffic crashes | Reduced crashes resulting in reduced fatalities and injuries | \$15,282,000 | \$10,918,000 |
| 4 | Value of Travel Time | The current facilities will be redesigned | Improvements to the current facilities will increase delay with the new signal | Travel time cost | (\$1,956,000) | (\$1,243,000) |
| 5 | Emissions Reduction | The current facilities are not conductive for active transportation | Improvements to the existing facilities will induce demand for walking and biking | Reduced emission derived from modal shift from driving personal vehicles to walking and biking | \$98,000 | \$65,000 |
| 6 | Facility Improvements | The current facilities are not conductive for active transportation or using transit | Improvements to the current facilities will improve the quality or comfort of journeys | Improved comfort for active transportation and public transportation users | \$572,000 | \$367,000 |

| Benefit # | Benefit Name | Current Status/Baseline and Problem to be Addressed | Change to Baseline or Alternatives | Types of Impacts | \$2022 Monetized Value | \$2022 Real Dollars 3.1% Discount Rate |
|-----------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------------|---|
| 7 | Mortality Reduction Benefits | Roadway is not conducive for active transportation. | New and improved active transportation facilities will encourage more walking and cycling | Reduced mortality risks associated with increased walking and cycling | \$4,393,000 | \$2,816,000 |
| 8 | Externalities Reduction | Roadway is not conducive for active transportation. | New and improved facilities will encourage more walking and cycling | Reduced various externalities | \$218,000 | \$141,000 |
| Totals | | | | | \$41,107,000 | \$25,325,000 |