

Morgan's Point Resort Economic Development Corporation

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May 25, 2023

To: Mayor Dennis Green

RE: TxDOT Safe Routes to School

The Morgan's Point Resort Economic Development Corporation fully supports the City of Morgan's Point Resort in their application for funding through the TxDOT Safe Routes to School program for the pending Shared Use Pathway Proposal to connect the sidewalk in front of Lake Belton High School to the Morgan's Point Resort community.

Our city encourages students, families, and employees to travel safely to school each day and is committed to promoting wellness in our community. The proposed sidewalk will link the sidewalk in front of Lake Belton High School to our community, including the city's commercial district. This project has significant potential to be used by a large number of people.

In addition to pedestrian safety and public health, the proposed sidewalk will be the first step for the commercial district of Morgan's Point Resort to become an area that is walkable, rollable and bikeable. With walkability being so essential to placemaking (the foundation of today's economic development), we see the addition of a sidewalk as an amenity that improves quality of life and attracts businesses to our city. Talented entrepreneurs, who are mobile and can live anywhere, want a walkable, bikeable and rollable community to call home.

We strongly support the positive outcomes the Shared Use Pathway project will provide for both the school district and our community. We encourage the Texas Department of Transportation to award project funding to the City of Morgan's Point Resort. If we can provide additional assistance or information during the application process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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