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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	14315	Agenda Number	62.
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Meeting Date:	4/26/2012	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Approve conceptual design for Phase I of the IH 35 / 51st Street interchange improvements to the IH 35 Northbound Frontage Road from Barbara Jordan Boulevard to 53rd Street.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20110127-030.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On January 27, 2011 Council approved an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for Phase I of the IH 35 / 51st Street interchange improvements for the Northbound Frontage Road of IH 35 which will provide improved access to Cameron Road and reduce congestion on 51st Street.

In addition Council expressed a desire to assure that pedestrian and bicycle connectivity be considered and ultimately enhanced as part of this effort to untangle the auto access to Cameron Road, and directed staff to actively participate with TxDOT's design team during the project development process to reach concurrence on the design at major milestones.

At the direction of Council, Transportation Department staff and TxDOT representatives met with stakeholders to receive input. TxDOT developed a conceptual design that is responsive to the needs expressed by stakeholders. Once the conceptual design is approved by Council, TxDOT will proceed with design and implementation of these improvements.

The cost of Phase I of the project is \$1,599,275; the City's participation is estimated at \$1,325,000 (which will be funded from the 2010 Transportation Bond), and the State's participation is estimated at \$274,275.

The southbound frontage road of the interchange improvements will be considered in a subsequent Phase, following additional study as required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).