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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	30140	Agenda Number	45.
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Meeting Date:	1/30/2014	Department:	Public Works
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Public Works Department Transportation Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to increase the transfer out in an amount not to exceed \$1,072,000 and decrease the Public Works Department Transportation Fund Ending Balance in an amount not to exceed \$1,072,000; and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Public Works Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20130909-002) to transfer in and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$1,072,000 for the River Plantation Bridge Approach project.. Related to Item # 44.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the ending balance of the Transportation Fund.

Fiscal Note

Fiscal notes are attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	29911

Additional Backup Information

This budget amendment will allow the Public Works Department to move forward with the River Plantation Bridge Approach project. During the Halloween flood event on October 30, 2013, the embankment supported by the retained earth wall (the "Embankment") adjacent to the River Plantation Drive Bridge over Onion Creek was severely compromised. The Public Works Department has done further investigation and engineering analysis and concluded that the damaged and missing mechanically stabilized earth wall panels and loss of engineered backfill has rendered this bridge approach unsafe for vehicular use. The Embankment structure is a danger to the travelling public and cannot be opened even for emergency vehicular traffic. Left untreated, there is a high likelihood of additional deterioration, which would extend the damage further into the remaining Embankment.

The River Plantation Drive Bridge serves as the primary route for access into a large portion of the Onion Creek Subdivision. A lengthy detour via Bradshaw Lane is now in place, and this reduces the response time of emergency vehicles by a minimum of 45 seconds. As such, the damaged condition of the Embankment constitutes a present risk to the public health and safety to residents.