

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 32666 Agenda Number 39.

Meeting Date: 5/22/2014 Department: Transportation

Subject

Approve negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and Travis County for the first phase of the Decker Lane (FM 3177) sidewalk and bridge project, from Loyola Lane to Daffan Lane.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funds in the amount of \$191,247 are available in the FY 2013-2014 in the Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. The construction amount of \$1,529,978 in Transportation Enhancement Federal funds will be provided by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The required 20% local match of \$382,494 will be split between Travis County and the City of Austin in an equal amount of \$191,247.

Fiscal Note	
A fiscal note is attached.	
Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20090305-013; Ordinance No. 20090611-075; Ordinance No. 20120614-058; Resolution No.20121206-058.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Travis County, TxDOT and the City of Austin propose a partnership to construct a concrete sidewalk and pedestrian bridge within the existing right-of-way on the west side of Decker Lane, from Loyola Lane to Daffan Lane. TxDOT will oversee the project letting, construction administration and maintenance. Travis County will execute Federal fund acceptance with TxDOT, and provide project management. The Decker Lane (FM 3177) Sidewalk Transportation Enhancement project is currently requested by Travis County for inclusion in the Capital Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (CAMPO) FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program, to be let for construction in 2015. Total project cost is \$1,912,472 (\$1,529,978 federal/\$\$382,494 local).

This is the first phase of future improvements on Decker Lane to mitigate an existing safety hazard, enhance mobility for non-motorized users, and implement a healthy, interconnected environment consistent with *Imagine Austin*. This serves Colony Park Station, adopted as a Neighborhood Activity Center, Imagine Austin Growth Concept Map (Page A-30, Imagine Austin).

The project connects Decker Elementary and Middle Schools, Capital Metro existing bus stops, retail and residential

land use in the Colony Park neighborhood, the Travis County Expo Center, and the City's future Austin to Manor Rail Trail.

Currently there are no sidewalks or bicycle lanes located on this section of Decker Lane. Since 2009 there have been two auto/pedestrian fatalities and one in August 2012 when a 13-year old bicyclist was killed while riding his bicycle on Decker Lane. The project is in an Economically Distressed Census Place. The 2010 Census indicates block groups along the project had minority populations between 74.2% to 99.5%, and per capita income ranging from \$9,923 to \$24,077. Two census tracts bordering the project have 30.3% of the population living below the national poverty level.

As set forth in the interlocal agreement, the County will provide the project management services for the development and construction of the project; the City will be responsible for review and approval of project specifics. The plans and specifications of the project shall be in accordance with the design and construction standards applicable under Title 30, Austin City Code (Austin/Travis County Subdivision Regulations) and all Texas Accessibility Standards. Within 30 days after the effective date of the signed Agreement, the City will pay the County \$191,250 as the City's financial contribution to the project. The County and TxDOT will pay for and/or reimburse the remaining costs for development and construction of the project.