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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	33712	Agenda Number	65.
Meeting Date:	6/26/2014			Department:	Treasury
Subject					
Approve a resolution directing the publication of an Official Notice of Intention to Issue \$50,050,000 City of Austin Certificates of Obligation Series 2014.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Fiscal Note					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
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Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
State law requires that an Official Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation be published no less than 30 days prior to the sale of Certificates of Obligation by the City. The sale is tentatively scheduled for August 2014, as part of the City's annual general obligation bond sale. The \$50.05 million in Certificates of Obligation are to fund existing project appropriations that were approved with reimbursement resolutions, in accordance with financial policies. These projects include: <i>Grey Rock Golf Course and Improvements - \$9,600,000</i> This project includes the purchase of a 292-acre golf and tennis facility located off of Highway 45 within Circle C Ranch and includes various site improvements. The type of improvements may include cart path ADA compliance, tennis court resurfacing and storm water improvements. The project was approved as an amendment to the FY 2013-14 Capital Budget. <i>Waller Creek Tunnel Project - 25,000,000</i> This is the fourth bond sale related to the approximately \$100 million portion of the Waller Creek tunnel project that will be funded by Certificates of Obligation. In 1998, an election was held in the City, and voters approved a proposed tunnel project as a venue project. Venue project bonds in the principal amount of \$25,000,000 were authorized for the Waller Creek Tunnel Project. In 2000, engineering consultants retained by the City to perform the preliminary engineering for the Waller Creek Tunnel Project provided cost estimates for three versions of the Waller Creek					

Tunnel Project, and determined that the cost estimates to construct each of the three versions of the Waller Creek Tunnel Project substantially exceeded the \$25,000,000 in venue project bonds authorized. No venue project bond proceeds were expended for the actual construction of the Waller Creek Tunnel Project. As a result, the Waller Creek Tunnel Project has evolved and changed in scope from the project envisioned in 1998. The Waller Creek Tunnel Project now consists of a storm water bypass tunnel to be constructed from 12th Street at Waterloo Park to Lady Bird Lake just upstream of the mouth of Waller Creek. Among the more notable changes from the preliminary plans, the tunnel will vary in diameter from approximately 20 feet to 26 feet and will be approximately 5,600 feet in length; creek side inlets are proposed between 4th and 5th Streets and between 8th and 9th Streets to capture additional flood waters below 12th Street; the inlet facility has been moved nearer to 12th Street; the inlet structure and the pump house building will be combined; and the outlet facility also has been redesigned to address water flood control issues. In 2007, the City approved an ordinance creating Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone No. 17 ("Zone No. 17") to finance the construction of flood control improvements along lower Waller Creek. It is anticipated that tax increment revenues collected within Zone No. 17 will be used to defray the debt service on the Certificates of Obligation issued for the Waller Creek Tunnel Project. The August 2014 bond sale will include up to \$25 million in Certificates of Obligation for this project. These Certificates of Obligation are expected to mature no later than 20 years from the date of issuance.

Loop 1/ 290 Connectors - \$450,000

The Loop 1/290 connector project will construct direct connectors for Northbound Loop 1 to Eastbound US 290 and Westbound US 290 to Southbound Loop 1.

Watershed Home Buyout Program - \$15,000,000

The August 2014 bond sale will include up to \$15 million in Certificates of Obligation for this project. This program is for the buyout and demolition of single family houses in the floodplain of Onion Creek near the intersection of South Pleasant Valley Road and East William Cannon Boulevard.