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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	40043	Agenda Number	40.
Meeting Date:	2/12/2015		Department:	Transportation
Subject				
Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to accept grant funds from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$200,000; and amending the Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20140908-002) to transfer in and appropriate \$200,000 from the Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for the installation of bicycle signals and bicycle detection equipment at specific intersections within the City.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the 20% local match are available in the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. The federal participation is \$200,000 for a total project amount of \$250,000.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	Resolutions No. 20121213-028 and 20140626-063.			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
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Related Items:				

Additional Backup Information

On December 13, 2012, Council approved the application for a 2012 Transportation Enhancement grant to install bicycle signals and detection at specific intersections throughout the City. On June 26, 2014, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of the Advance Funding Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$250,000 with a 20% local match of \$50,000.

The goal of this project is to improve safety conditions for all roadway users through heightening bicycle detection and the installation of bicycle signals at identified intersections. This grant will provide for the innovative use of bicycle signals at intersections that experience high volumes of bicycle traffic. This grant allows for requested experimentation with bicycle signals as approved by the Federal Highway Administration. This experimentation, if needed, would add to the national knowledge base for enhanced bicycle signalization and detection.

This grant and matching funds will be used to reimburse construction costs to install bicycle signals or bicycle detection at 32 intersections. Matching funds as well as costs for design and bid services will come from 2012 bond funding.