

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	52512	Agenda Number	31.
Meeting Date:	12/10/2015			Department:	Transportation
Subject					
Approve an ordinance authorizing the expansion of the existing Parking Benefit District in the University Neighborhood Overlay District.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
The expanded Parking Benefit District (PBD) funds from 335 spaces will total \$386,217. Performa numbers: \$187,301 in PBD expenses, \$198,915 net income: 51% allocated to PBD \$101,446 and 49% for Austin Transportation Department \$97,469.					
Fiscal Note					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	November 16, 2015 - Recommended by the Mobility Committee by the full council on a 4-0 vote. November 10, 2015 - Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission on a 9-1 vote.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					

City Council approved Ordinance 20120927-75 on September 27, 2012 for the creation of the Parking Benefit District (PBD) in the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) District. Revenue collection began on January 1, 2013. The original district was from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to 29th Street and west of Guadalupe Street to Rio Grande Street. The proposed expansion would be west of Rio Grande Street to Lamar Boulevard and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to 29th Street. (The OWANA/Caswell Heights neighborhoods-Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to 24th Street and San Gabriel Street to Shoal Creek Boulevard will not be participating in this expansion) To date, revenue from the PBD has been used to install new sidewalks and bike lanes on 23rd Street and on Rio Grande Street from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to 24th Street.

The expansion of the PBD to Lamar Boulevard was to take place after a majority of the new high rise apartment complexes had been completed. The addition of the new apartments in the past few years has created additional parking needs. As required by ordinance, the City surveyed the proposed expansion area and found that on average 123% of the parking spaces were occupied with little or no turnover. Note: the industry standard to propose paid parking is 75% to 80% occupancy or 1 to 2 parking spaces available per block to provide for easy access to parking for visitors and customers.

Expanding the PBD would enable staff to add an additional 335 parking spaces. Based on city experience, the University Neighborhood Overlay district is projected to earn \$101,000 a year.

Based on the parking survey information, and the positive response from the neighborhood public meeting, the Transportation Department recommends the expansion of the Parking Benefit District in the University Neighborhood Overlay District.

Funds will be allocated per the policies previously established by Council for Parking Benefit Districts.