



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission

Recommendation Number: (20180109-005A):
Austin Transportation Department Request to CAMPO
for East 51st Street Complete Streets Improvements Funding

WHEREAS the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission (RMMAPIAC) is charged with informing the Austin City Council on issues affecting the Mueller Master Plan when Council action is required, the RMMAPIAC often also advises the City Council on matters beyond the Master Plan when they align with the spirit of the community-determined goals for the redevelopment of Austin's former airport; and

WHEREAS the East 51st Street Complete Streets Improvements is a project that has evolved from the East 51st Street Vision Plan, which was endorsed by the City Council, who also directed the City Manager to implement it, and subsequently it was included in the Transportation and Mobility Proposition 12 of the November 6, 2012 Bond election that was approved by Austin voters; and

WHEREAS the East 51st Street Vision Plan was a citizen-initiated concept that was refined in a comprehensive design process led by McCann Adams Studios and Kinney & Associates Architects, consultants very familiar with both the Mueller Master Plan and adjacent Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan, which included representatives from TxDOT, Capital Metro, CAMPO, the University of Texas, AISD, businesses and institutions with a stake in the corridor, and the Windsor Park, University Hills, Ridgetop, Pecan Springs and Mueller neighborhoods, as well as representatives from the Austin Transportation, Economic Development, Planning, and Public Works Departments; and

WHEREAS the portion of Proposition 12 of the 2012 Transportation and Mobility Bond designated for the East 51st Street Complete Streets Improvements was subsequently determined to be insufficient to fully fund the required preliminary engineering report, design, and the construction of the full project scope; and

WHEREAS the East 51st Street Complete Streets Improvements reflect the values and priorities of the City's Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan by promoting connected development patterns that support transit and provide a multi-modal urban street accommodating safe pedestrian and bicycle movement, while also protecting and enhancing existing neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS Mayor Adler and Council Members Alter, Flannigan and Kitchen serve on the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board, and the East 51st Street corridor impacts the Districts 1, 4 and 9 respectively of Council Members Houston, Casar and Tovo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission recommends that the Austin City Council support the Austin Transportation Department's application for additional funding for the East 51st Street Complete Streets Improvements via the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2019-2022 Project Call in order to construct the full scope of Complete Streets improvements for East 51st Street from Cameron Road to Berkman Drive.

Date of Approval: 01/09/2018

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 9-0 vote

Michael Jones

Attest: _____