

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: June 14, 2018

Item Number: **058**

Transportation

Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of a Multiple Use Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the construction of sidewalks and/or shared use paths, pedestrian ramps and associated infrastructure within TxDOT right-of-way.

Lead Department	Austin Transportation
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.
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Additional Backup Information:

The City of Austin through its Vision Zero/Intersection Safety, Sidewalk and other associated Capital programs, is making infrastructure improvements to provide multi-modal safety and mobility to all road users. In conjunction with these types of improvements, the City of Austin has identified several pedestrian improvement projects along frontage roads of facilities owned by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) such as State highways, State urban arterials, on State overpasses and across State highways.

Projects include pedestrian infrastructure improvements such as constructing new sidewalks and shared-use paths, repairing/upgrading existing sidewalks, installing ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps, and installing associated infrastructure including signage and pavement markings/striping at several locations within the jurisdiction of the TxDOT. These improvements will provide critical pedestrian safety, mobility and accessibility benefits to residents of Austin.

This resolution will allow the City to negotiate and execute Multiple Use Agreements with TxDOT in order to construct pedestrian improvements - described above - in TxDOT's right of way throughout Austin. For example, as part of the intersection improvement project planned for the intersection of I-35 and Braker Lane, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) has identified the need for critical pedestrian improvements along the I-35 northbound and southbound frontage roads. This project is slated to start construction in late fall of 2018 but cannot begin without the Multiple Use Agreement with TxDOT.

This is one example of the type of projects that will be facilitated by the Multiple Use Agreement with TxDOT. There are several other locations that have been identified as likely to need future pedestrian improvements. All projects will be funded using City of Austin 2016 Mobility Bond and 2012 Bond funds. Funding for future projects will be identified at the time of project selection.

ATD requests that this resolution be approved so that critical pedestrian safety, mobility and accessibility can be provided to residents of Austin.