

Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 23, 2018 Item Number: 026

Public Works

Approve a resolution that adopts a newly updated list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding. Related to item #27.

Lead Department	Public Works Department
Fiscal Note	This item has no fiscal impact
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Prior Council Action	June 22, 2001: Capital Metro Transit Authority (Capital Metro) and
	the City of Austin (the City) entered into an Interlocal Agreement
	whereby Capital Metro would pay to the City its pro rata share of 25%
	(Quarter Cent) of its sales tax from the years 2001-2004 to carry out
	various approved transportation projects.
	April 22, 2010: An Amendment to Interlocal Agreements for Regional
	Mobility was executed, outlining both payments from Capital Metro
	to the City and Interagency Project Management Protocol.
	December 11, 2014: Council passed Resolution No. 20141211-127,
	dedicating \$2 million for infrastructure improvements on Airport Blvd.
	June 18, 2015: Council passed Resolution No. 20150618-093 directing
	the City Manager to identify projects for which the remaining funding
	can be used that address the following purposes (in addition to the
	criteria outlined in the Interlocal Agreement and Amendment):
	Transportation safety
	Improved access to schools
	New traffic signals
	Existing infrastructure needs
	Traffic calming
	Improved access to transit
	Other transportation/mobility needs as outlined in the

Quarter Cent Fund Interlocal Agreement

December 17, 2015: Council passed Resolution No. 20151217-076, directing staff to bring back all recommended projects to the full Council for consideration prior to implementation and prescribing a not-to-exceed amount of the funds to be spent in each Council District.

January 28, 2016: Council passed Resolution No. 20160128-050, which adopted the recommended list of projects in each district. This approval triggered Capital Metro's 45 day approval process, as outlined in the Interlocal Agreement.

April 6, 2016: Capital Metro approved all projects as per the 45 day approval process, and projects were assigned to City staff for project delivery.

June 28, 2018: City Council passed Resolution No. 20180628-031 as amended, authorizing negotiation and execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement to allow Capital Metro to use the \$6M in remaining/not-assigned funds for Project Connect, contingent on the City of Austin identifying and securing a replacement funding source to complete the funding in each Council District per Council Resolution No. 20151217-076 and directing the City Manager to continue to bring to Council for approval changes to the January 2016 project list.

For More Information

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Additional Backup Information:

This item is to approve a newly updated list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding.

In January of 2016, Council passed Resolution No. 20160128-050, which adopted a list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding (the "2016 Quarter Cent Project List").

Many of those projects are now complete. For other projects, City staff from both the Public Works Department and Austin Transportation Department have been coordinating with the Mayor and respective Council Offices regarding feasibility studies and the delivery of projects.

Exhibit A is a newly updated list of district-specific projects that staff recommends Council approve for funding with Quarter Cent funds. This new list incorporates all of staff's proposed

updates and changes to the 2016 Quarter Cent Project List. The projects on this list meet criteria identified in the Interlocal Agreement with Capital Metro and address the purposes outlined in Council's June 2015 resolution (20150618-093)

http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=234103). Additionally, they have been coordinated with staff for feasibility and cost estimates.

By approval of the new list attached here as Exhibit A, Council will be approving the removal of certain projects from the approved project list due to problems with feasibility or for other reasons that have been discussed with relevant Council Offices. By approval of the newly updated list attached here as Exhibit A, Council will also be approving that certain projects remain on the list of approved projects because the additional funding needed to execute them appears to be available in a given District's balance, and because staff has discussed keeping the project on the list with the appropriate Council Offices.

Staff will continue to work with the Mayor and each Council Office to identify new projects that meet the required criteria and address the purposes outlined for Quarter Cent funding. Staff will be presenting these projects in subsequent meetings for approval by the full Council. The goal is to appropriate all remaining Quarter Cent funds to eligible projects no later than April 2020.

Exhibit B provides a more in depth update for each of the projects in the 2016 Quarter Cent Project List that had problems with feasibility or for other reasons discussed with the relevant Council Offices, do not appear on the newly updated list.