



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-1472, **Agenda Item #:** 36.

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### **Posting Language**

Approve further design and implementation of the Corridor Construction Program consistent with Resolution No. 20160818-074 relating to the 2016 Transportation and Mobility General Obligation bonds and Resolution No. 20180426-028 relating to the implementation of the Corridor Construction Program.

### **Lead Department**

Corridor Program Office

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding for current design and construction on nine corridors is available in the FY 2018-19 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Funding for the remaining construction on the nine corridors is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Prior Council Action:**

April 26, 2018 - Council passed Resolution No. 20180426-028 which adopted the Corridor Construction Program as amended on 9-0 vote with Council Member Garza off the dais and Council Member Troxclair absent.

August 18, 2016 - Council passed Resolution No. 20160818-074, which included information on the projects to be included in the Mobility Bond on a 7-1 vote with Council Member Houston voting nay, Council Members Garza, Troxclair, and Zimmerman abstaining.

August 18, 2016 - Council passed Ordinance No. 20160818-023, which ordered a special election for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for transportation and mobility on a 7-1 vote with Council Member Houston voted nay, Council Members Garza, Troxclair, and Zimmerman abstaining.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

On November 8, 2016, Austin voters authorized the City to issue \$720,000,000 in Transportation and Mobility General Obligation bonds. Those bonds include \$482,000,000 for corridor improvement projects. Based on Ordinance 20160818-023, which established the bond proposition language and authorized the bond election, funding from the 2016 Mobility Bond is intended for implementation of Corridor Mobility Plan recommendations as well as preliminary engineering and design on additional corridors and critical arterials. Resolution No. 20160818-074, approved by Council contemporaneously with the ordinance authorizing the bond election, the Contract With Voters (see attached memorandum) directed the City Manager to bring forth recommendations supported by identifiable metrics for implementation of a Corridor Construction Program.

From November 2016 to January 2018, the Corridor Program Office led an implementation planning and prioritization process with representatives from multiple City departments, Capital Metro, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). This work led to the creation of an estimated \$1,400,000,000 Corridor Construction Program that prioritized improvements to meet the mobility and community outcomes outlined in

the 2016 Bond Council resolution.

The Corridor Construction Program is using 2016 Mobility Bond funding for design and implementation of corridor-wide mobility improvements for all nine corridors, enhanced multimodal improvements for some of these corridors, as well as initiating design for additional enhanced multimodal improvements. Furthermore, the Corridor Construction Program will implement design standards and seek additional funding, leveraging, and partnerships opportunities for these remaining investment packages as outlined in the attached memorandum.

On April 26, 2018 Council reviewed and adopted the Corridor Construction Program with Resolution No. 20180426-028 (see attached memorandum) that also directed staff to return to proceed with the preliminary engineering phase of the program and then return to Council for approval to proceed with further design and implementation of the Corridor Construction Program.

Since then, staff has conducted preliminary engineering phase activities which have included seeking additional leveraging and partnership opportunities as well as coordination with partner departments and agencies such as TxDOT and Capital Metro, consistent with the April 26, 2018 Council resolution. The attached memorandum provides additional information regarding updates and activities related to development of the Corridor Construction Program through preliminary engineering phase.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 20180426-028, staff is seeking approval to further advance the Corridor Construction Program into the next phases of design and implementation and will utilize previously approved 2016 Mobility Bond funds. This action does not commit the City to funding new programs in the future.