



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1527, **Agenda Item #:** 37.

4/25/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the design and construction of an extension of West Rundberg Lane from Metric Boulevard to Burnet Road to provide connectivity and capacity within the roadway network; amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to accept funds from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$8,800,000; and amending the Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to transfer in and appropriate \$8,800,000 for design and construction of this project. Related to Item #9.

Lead Department

Corridor Program Office

Fiscal Note

Fiscal notes are attached.

Prior Council Action:

December 17, 2017 - Council passed Resolution No. 20171214-056 which authorized the submittal of a list of potential transportation projects for the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2019-2022 Call for Projects on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair off the dais.

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 17, 2012 - Council passed Ordinance No. 20120817-001 which amended the order calling the November 6, 2012 Special Election to provide for general obligation bond propositions, and declaring an emergency on a 6-0 vote with Council Member Spelmen absent.

November 1, 2007 - Council passed Ordinance No. 20071101-050 which adopted the North Burnet/ Gateway Master Plan on a 5-0 vote with Mayor Wynn absent and Council Member Kim off the dais.

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Additional Backup Information:

The purpose of this item before Council is to authorize negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement and to accept and appropriate funds to complete design and construct the West Rundberg Lane extension from Metric Boulevard to Burnet Road. This proposed West Rundberg Lane extension is a four-lane divided road with sidewalks and bike lanes that connect to the City's larger network and improves Burnet Road's connectivity. This project also includes a new intersection at Burnet Road which is crucial for the safe movement of all modes across this busy segment of Burnet.

This project is anticipated to improve connectivity between Burnet Road and Metric Boulevard by extending West Rundberg Lane to connect the two major arterials and provide a needed east-west connection across north Austin. This extension is a CAMPO 2040 RTP preferred east-west connection within a 2040 Plan Center that will provide significant mobility and access improvements for the region. This connection is specifically called for in the North Burnet Gateway Master Plan as integral to the connectivity of the district for all modes of transportation.

This connection is also a key recommendation included in the previously completed North Lamar/Burnet Corridor Mobility Plan and is being coordinated with the Burnet Road Corridor improvements included in Corridor Construction Program approved by Council in 2018. Funding was previously approved for initial improvements for North Lamar/Burnet as part of the 2012 Bond.

CAMPO has awarded the project federal funding under the Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility program in amount up to \$8,800,000. The City is providing a local match funded by the 2012 Bond in the amount of up to \$2,200,000. Final grant and local match funding amounts are dependent upon actual costs of implementation of this project.

Project design and construction is managed by the Corridor Program Office.