



Recommendation for Action

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4/25/2019

Posting Language

Authorize the City Manager to begin further design and implementation of transportation and mobility improvements on nine transportation corridors (Airport Blvd, Burnet Road, North Lamar, East Martin Luther King Blvd., Guadalupe Street, South Lamar Blvd., Riverside Drive, William Cannon Drive, and Slaughter Lane) as part 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.

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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 No. 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 the Voters, 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 proposed Corridor Construction Program that prioritized improvements to meet the mobility and community outcomes outlined in the 2016 Bond Council resolution.

The Corridor Construction Program includes design and implementation of corridor-wide mobility improvements for all nine corridors as well as for other enhanced multimodal improvements using 2016 Mobility Bond funding.

Furthermore, the Corridor Construction Program will initiate design and possible construction for enhanced multimodal improvements using 2016 Mobility Bond funding, with the remaining investment packages to be implemented by seeking additional funding opportunities and implementing design standards.

On April 26, 2018, Council reviewed and adopted the Corridor Construction Program with Resolution No. 20180426-028 that also directed staff to return to Council with an update on Corridor Construction Program development prior to proceeding with the next phases of design and implementation. 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 preliminary engineering phase of the Corridor Construction Program is complete and, in accordance with Resolution No. 20180426-028, the City Manager, through the Corridor Program Office, is now returning to Council for approval to proceed with further design and implementation consistent with Resolution No. 20160818-074 and Resolution No. 20180426-028 as outlined in the Corridor Construction Program.

Authorization for the Corridor Construction Program to proceed with design and implementation will utilize previously-approved 2016 Mobility Bond funds and this action does not commit the City to funding new programs in the future.