



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2006, **Agenda Item #:** 77.

6/20/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Williamson County for the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of traffic control devices at various locations on Pearson Ranch Road; amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to accept funds from Williamson County in the amount of \$285,000; and amending the Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to transfer in and appropriate \$285,000 to implement this project.

Lead Department

Austin Transportation Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$285,000 is available from Williamson County. A City funding match of \$155,000 is required and available in the Austin Transportation Department's Capital Budget. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

August 18, 2016 - Council approved an ordinance to add a 25 MPH school zone to a portion of Pearson Ranch Road for the safety of students attending Elsa England Elementary School.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

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Additional Backup Information:

City of Austin (City) and Williamson County (County) elected officials and staff members have met to discuss the proposed work and develop a plan for the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of a new traffic signal at Avery Ranch Boulevard & Pearson Ranch Road, a new pedestrian hybrid beacon at Pearson Ranch Road & Iveans Way, and new school speed limit beacons on Pearson Ranch Road north and south of Iveans Way. These traffic controls will improve pedestrian and vehicle operator safety. In addition, the City will install a fence on the west side of Pearson Ranch Road at the termination of Pickaxe Trail across from Elsa England Elementary School to discourage pedestrian crossings in this area.

The traffic signal and pedestrian hybrid beacon are within the City's full purpose jurisdiction and will be operated and maintained by the City following installation. The City's full purpose jurisdiction ends just south of the Iveans Way intersection. Therefore, the school speed limit beacons will be operated and maintained by the County. There is an existing City ordinance that established a 25 MPH school zone on Pearson Ranch from 200 feet north of Iveans Way to the full purpose jurisdiction limit 28 feet south of Iveans Way.

The school speed limit beacons to be installed under the interlocal agreement will be fully funded, installed, and maintained by the County.

The County will fund the estimated \$130,000 cost of a new pedestrian hybrid beacon at Pearson Ranch Road & Iveans Way. This amount will be paid to the City by the County. Installation will be done by the City.

The City and the County will each fund half of the estimated \$310,000 cost of a new traffic signal at Avery Ranch & Pearson Ranch Road. Installation will be done by the City. The \$155,000 City share is funded from Quarter Cent funds. An additional \$155,000 for this signal installation will be paid to the City by the County.