



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-2998, **Agenda Item #:** 45.

10/3/2019

### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority to secure its commitment of up to \$225,000 for its share of the local contribution required for the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon grant awarded by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept funds from the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority in the amount up to \$225,000; and amending the Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to transfer in and appropriate up to \$225,000 for the construction of pedestrian hybrid beacons.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Transportation Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$225,000 is available from the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

### **Prior Council Action:**

Ordinance No. 20190619-076 authorized the negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the design and construction of pedestrian hybrid beacons on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Harper-Madison absent.

Resolution No. 20171214-056 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.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Between 2013 and 2017 there were over 2,100 motor vehicle crashes involving pedestrians in Austin, resulting in 123 fatalities. The majority of serious-injury and fatal pedestrian-involved crashes occur on high speed, high volume roadways with long distances between safe crossings. Similarly, as every transit trip begins and ends by foot, a safe and comfortable walking environment is key to a successful transit system. To this end, the Pedestrian Safety & Transit Connections project will construct approximately ten pedestrian hybrid beacons at strategic locations to provide safer pedestrian access to Capital Metro bus stops, especially in transit-dependent and low-income communities of Austin, which are disproportionately affected by pedestrian-involved crashes.

CAMPO has awarded the project federal funding in amount up to \$1,167,600, and the City is providing a local match funded by the 2018 Bond in the amount of up to \$500,400. Final grant and local match funding amounts are dependent upon actual costs of implementation of this project. This action is to approve an interlocal

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agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Cap Metro) to memorialize their commitment to provide a safe and comfortable walking environment at strategic locations where pedestrian activity is prevalent to access bus stops. This action will also allow the City to accept and appropriate funds from Cap Metro for their share of the local match required for the grant.

Project design and implementation is managed by the Austin Transportation Department.