



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1021, **Agenda Item #:** 54.

1/23/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the construction of an extension of East Braker Lane from Samsung Boulevard to Harris Branch Parkway, for a total amount not to exceed \$5,600,000.

Lead Department

Austin Transportation Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of up to \$5,600,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Prior Council Action:

Resolution No. 20130926-055 - On a 7-0 vote, Council approved a resolution authorizing negotiation of an interlocal agreement with Travis County, and to designate the City as the lead agency in a partnership with the County for preliminary engineering studies and design on the extension of East Braker Lane from its existing terminus at Dawes Place (east of Dessau Road) to Harris Branch Parkway.

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Additional Backup Information:

In 2010, The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) adopted the CAMPO 2035 Regional Mobility Plan, which calls for the extension of East Braker Lane from Dawes Place to Harris Branch Parkway.

The purpose of this action is to authorize the negotiation and payment of \$5,600,000 to Travis County for the construction of the portion of the East Braker Lane extension between Samsung Boulevard and Harris Branch Parkway that includes both the City of Austin and Travis County jurisdictions. Because the street crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, having one agency (the City of Austin) lead the payment of construction improves efficiency.

Travis County has hired the CP&Y, Inc., as the engineering firm to design the portion of East Braker Lane from Samsung Boulevard to Harris Branch Parkway.

At the request of the Texas Department of Transportation, the City will coordinate with Travis County to combine the efforts for the Federal-level Environmental Assessment submittal documents. This will combine the documents from the City-managed East Braker Lane extension project, from Dawes Place to Samsung Boulevard, with the Travis County portion of East Braker Lane, from Samsung Boulevard to Harris Branch Parkway.

The City, in conjunction with Travis County, has executed an Advanced Funding Agreement with the State of Texas to accept CAMPO reimbursement for the construction cost of East Braker Lane from Dawes Place to Samsung Boulevard.

Any delay in providing funding to Travis County will result in delays of the construction schedule. This delay would impact efforts to provide alternate traffic routing for businesses and residents from a high-volume traffic area. This area has limited access via Samsung Boulevard, Parmer Lane, and several unimproved streets which pose safety and mobility concerns.

Travis County will have 100% oversight and management of the construction project. The anticipated project schedule estimates 700 days for completion from project award.

This project is located within zip code 78754 <District 1>.