



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1791, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

4/23/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution that adopts a newly updated list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding.

Lead Department

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

May 9, 2019: City Council passed Resolution No. 20190509-011 which adopted a newly updated list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding that supersedes the January 31, 2019 Quarter Cent Project List.

January 31, 2019: City Council passed Resolution No. 20190131-021 which adopted a newly updated list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding that supersedes the December 13, 2018 Quarter Cent Project List.

December 13, 2018: City Council passed Resolution No. 20181213-024 which adopted a newly updated list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding that supersedes the November 15, 2018 Quarter Cent Project List.

November 15, 2018: City Council passed Resolution No. 20181115-028 which adopted a newly updated list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding that supersedes the September 20, 2018 Quarter Cent Project List.

September 20, 2018: City Council passed Resolution No. 20180920-028 which adopted a newly updated list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding that supersedes the August 30, 2018 Quarter Cent Project List.

August 30, 2018: City Council passed Resolution No. 20180830-063 which adopted a newly updated list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding.

August 9, 2018: City Council passed Resolution No. 20180809-025, declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from proceeds of certificates of obligation in the amount of \$6,000,000 to be issued for the funding of transportation safety and mobility projects that were previously planned to be funded through payments from Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

June 28, 2018: City Council passed Resolution No. 20180628-031 as amended, authorizing negotiation and execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement to allow Capital Metro to use the \$6 million in remaining/not-assigned funds for Project Connect, contingent on the City of Austin identifying and securing a replacement funding source to complete the funding in each Council District per Council Resolution No. 20151217-076 and directing the City Manager to continue to bring to Council for approval changes to the January 2016 project list.

April 6, 2016: Capital Metro approved all projects as per the 45 day approval process, and projects were assigned to City staff for project delivery.

January 28, 2016: Council passed Resolution No. 20160128-050, which adopted the recommended list of projects in each district. This approval triggered Capital Metro's 45 day approval process, as outlined in the Interlocal Agreement.

December 17, 2015: Council passed Resolution No. 20151217-076, directing staff to bring back all recommended projects to the full Council for consideration prior to implementation and prescribing a not-to-exceed amount of the funds to be spent in each Council District.

June 18, 2015: Council passed Resolution No. 20150618-093 directing the City Manager to identify projects for which the remaining funding can be used that address the following purposes (in addition to the criteria outlined in the Interlocal Agreement and Amendment):

- Transportation safety
- Improved access to schools
- New traffic signals
- Existing infrastructure needs
- Traffic calming
- Improved access to transit
- Other transportation/mobility needs as outlined in the Quarter Cent Fund Interlocal Agreement

December 11, 2014: Council passed Resolution No. 20141211-127, dedicating \$2 million for infrastructure improvements on Airport Blvd.

April 22, 2010: An Amendment to Interlocal Agreements for Regional Mobility was executed, outlining both payments from Capital Metro to the City and Interagency Project Management Protocol.

June 22, 2001: Capital Metro Transit Authority (Capital Metro) and the City of Austin (the City) entered into an Interlocal Agreement whereby Capital Metro would pay to the City its pro rata share of 25% (Quarter Cent) of its sales tax from the years 2001-2004 to carry out various approved transportation projects.

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Additional Backup Information:

This item is to approve a newly updated list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding.

In January of 2016, Council passed Resolution No. 20160128-050, which adopted a list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding (the "2016 Quarter Cent Project List"). The list was amended to add new, feasible projects and remove cancelled projects on May 9, 2019 (Resolution No. 20190509-011).

To continue implementing Quarter Cent Funded projects, we have worked with Council Offices to identify new projects to approve for funding.

Exhibit A is a list of new, district-specific projects that staff recommends Council approve for funding with Quarter Cent funds. All of the projects on this list meet the criteria identified in the Interlocal Agreement with Capital Metro and address the purposes outlined in Council's June 2015 Resolution (20150618-093). Additionally, the projects have already been coordinated with staff for feasibility and cost estimates, unless otherwise noted.

Exhibit B lists projects, if any, that had been intended for Quarter Cent funding and implementation, but that are now recommended for removal from consideration due to feasibility or other issues. If no projects are recommended for removal at this time, then Exhibit B will be marked as "Intentionally Left Blank."

Exhibit C is the newly updated Quarter Cent Projects List proposed for adoption by this action. If adopted, Exhibit C will update and supersede the last list approved by Council the "May 9, 2019 Quarter Cent Project List" (Resolution No. 20190509-011). Exhibit C incorporates previously approved projects that are complete, ongoing, or on hold, as well as new projects listed on Exhibit A that staff is proposing be added to the Quarter Cent Projects List by this action.

By approval of the newly updated list attached here as Exhibit C, Council will also be approving that certain projects remain on the list of approved projects because the additional funding needed to execute them appears to be available in a given District's balance, and because staff has discussed keeping the project on the list with the appropriate Council Offices.

Staff will continue to work with the Mayor and each Council Office to identify new projects that meet the required criteria and address the purposes outlined for Quarter Cent funding. Staff will be presenting these projects in subsequent meetings for approval by the full Council. The goal is to appropriate all remaining Quarter Cent funds to eligible projects no later than September 2020.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility; Safety.