



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 21-1569, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal grant agreement with the Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) for the City to accept funding from ATP to administer and implement Project Connect anti-displacement programs, for the term March 25, 2021 through September 30, 2033, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000,000.

### **Lead Department**

Housing and Planning Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

February 4, 2021 - Council approved Resolution No. 20210204-062 which requires the City to develop a "community-informed partnership and process" for the use of these funds.

September 3, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200903-044 which expresses the intent of City Council to work with impacted neighborhoods in the creation of neighborhood-level anti-displacement strategies and priorities and the identification of Key Performance Indicators related to equity and displacement.

August 12, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200812-015, known as the City's "Contract with the Voters," which requires that ATP is to provide a total of \$300,000,000 of the Project Connect Tax Revenue ("Project Connect Anti-Displacement Funding") in accordance with the Implementation Sequence Plan (attached as Exhibit A) to the City through a grant agreement.

April 23, 2020 - Council approved Resolution No. 20200423-038, which expresses support of an equitable transit system to benefit the whole community, and calls for data-driven policies and funding to "prevent transportation investment-related displacement and ensure people of different incomes can benefit from transportation investments."

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The purpose of the interlocal grant agreement is to provide funding for the City to administer and implement Project Connect anti-displacement services on behalf of the Austin Transit Partnership in a manner consistent with the Contract with the Voters. The Housing and Planning Department, as the City Manager's designee, shall complete the tasks as directed by City Council in Resolution Nos. 20200812-015, 20200903-044, and 20210204-062.

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This program support's the "Economic Opportunity and Affordability," "Mobility" and "Government that Works for All" objectives in the City's Strategic Directions 2023. This Grant Agreement is entered pursuant to the Texas Constitution, Article 3, Section 64; Texas Transportation Code Chapter 431 ("The Texas Transportation Corporation Act); and Texas Government Code Chapter 791 ("The Interlocal Cooperation Act)."

The annual funding allocation in accordance with the Implementation Sequence Plan to implement and administer the Project Connect Anti-Displacement Programs is included in backup.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.