



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 22-3626, **Agenda Item #:** 54.

12/8/2022

### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance authorizing the negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to support design and engineering of highway caps and stitches over Interstate I-35 (I-35) and development of community benefits and amenities along the I-35 corridor; amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to accept funds from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,500,000; and amending the Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to transfer in and appropriate \$1,500,000 for the I-35 cap and stitch project.

### **Lead Department**

Corridor Program Office.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 is available from the Texas Department of Transportation, from the Congressional Grants Division for Community Projects. A funding match is not required. The fiscal notes are attached.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The purpose of this item before Council is to authorize negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement and to accept and appropriate funds to support design and engineering of highway caps and stitches over I-35 and development of community benefits and amenities along the I-35 corridor.

The Congressional Grants Division in HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development is responsible for the administration of Community Projects. Funding was identified in the annual appropriations legislation for Fiscal Year 2022.

Community Project Funding for the I-35 Cap & Stitch Study, secured through sponsorship from Congressman Lloyd Doggett, will be administered by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The project is managed by the Corridor Program Office. The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Capital Planning Office's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Mobility.