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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1686, Agenda Item #: 36.

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Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of a local on-system project improvement agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the construction of safety and mobility improvements at the FM 969 and Regency Drive intersection for an estimated amount of \$941,703, plus any cost overruns, and for the construction of safety and mobility improvements at the State Highway 165 (Comal Street) and East Seventh Street intersection for an estimated amount of \$167,887, plus any cost overruns.

Lead Department

Transportation and Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,109,590 from the 2020 Bond, Vision Zero-Intersection Safety, is available in the Transportation and Public Works Department Capital Improvement Budget..

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Additional Backup Information:

The Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) is implementing critical safety and mobility improvements at the FM 969 and Regency Drive and the State Highway 165 (Comal Street) and East Seventh Street intersections. Staff has identified these locations as high-crash intersections from the 2020 Mobility Bond priority list. Staff has engaged with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) North Travis Area Office to review the design concepts for both locations because TxDOT has jurisdiction over portions of FM 969 and State Highway 165 (Comal Street). An executed Local On-System Project Improvement Agreement (LOSA) is needed for each project location to secure approval from TxDOT for the proposed improvements. The scope of work for each project is provided below.

FM 969 and Regency Drive improvements include installation of a new traffic signal, raised concrete median, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps, pedestrian crossings, new sidewalk, and associated signage and pavement markings. This project is currently in design, with construction anticipated in 2024.

State Highway 165 (Comal Street) and East Seventh Street improvements include signal upgrades, curb bulbout to allow dedicated bicycle transition through the intersection, curb ramp improvements, and installation of delineator posts along the existing bike lane northbound on Comal Street. This project is currently in design, with construction anticipated in late 2023.

These projects are solely funded by the 2020 Mobility Bond, Intersection Safety/Vision Zero Program funds and implemented by TPW Department. TxDOT is contributing in-kind with design reviews and permitting. The City has been working to make dozens of intersections safer across the city, including several intersections like the above, which fall within TxDOTs jurisdiction. Early data shows the implementation of safety projects across these intersections has resulted in a 31% reduction in crashes involving deaths or serious injuries.

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