



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 24-4176, **Agenda Item #:** 6.

3/21/2024

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a management agreement with the South Congress Improvement Association for management of public services funded by the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District, for a period of five years in an amount not to exceed \$270,000 per year.

### **Lead Department**

Economic Development.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$270,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 the Economic Development Department's South Congress Public Improvement District Fund.

### **Prior Council Action:**

October 15, 2014 - Council approved Resolution No. 2014016-062 authorizing the creation of the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District (PID).

October 17, 2019 - Council approved Resolution No. 20191017-037 reauthorizing the PID.

June 1, 2023 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20230601-009 setting the assessment rate and approving the proposed 2024 assessment roll for the PID.

July 20, 2023 - Council approved Resolution No. 20230720-163 adopting the PID Service and Assessment Plan and Budget update for 2024.

March 21, 2024 - Council approved Resolution No. (item 24-4114) reauthorizing the PID for another five years.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This proposed action authorizes negotiation and execution of a management agreement with the South Congress Improvement Association for the PID services for a five-year period, subject to annual service plan and budget approval by the Council.

In October 2014, at the request of property owners, represented by the South Congress Improvement Association, Council authorized the creation of the PID and named South Congress Improvement Association the advisory body per Section 372.008 of the Texas Local Government Code.

The PID was created under Chapter 372, Subchapter A of the Texas Local Government Code. This chapter allows the creation of a public improvement district to provide services supplemental to those provided by the

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City. These services are paid for through a special assessment to property owners in the district, as specified in the petition for creation of the PID.

On October 15, 2014, Council approved the original contract with the South Congress Improvement Association to manage PID services. On October 17, 2019, the contract was extended for a five-year period, concurrent with the reauthorization of the PID. This action would extend the management contract with South Congress Improvement Association for the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District services for another five-year period, subject to annual approval by City Council.

The purpose of this management contract extension is to provide services as outlined in the original contract, and as listed in the five-year service plan adopted as part of the 2024 reauthorization. This contract extension will provide PID services costing approximately \$270,000 per year for five years. There are five Primary Program Areas in the Service Plan, along with Administration.

1. Public Safety
2. Infrastructure and Physical Environment - Maintenance and Cleanliness
3. Transportation
4. Membership/Communications
5. Marketing/Fundraising/Economic Development