

AGENDA



Thursday, August 30, 2007

Public Works**Item No. 29****RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$480,000 in federal grant funds from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Public Works Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 and the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Public Works Department Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 20060911-002 to appropriate \$480,000 for the construction of roadway and sidewalk improvements on Cesar Chavez Street between San Antonio and Brazos Streets including the conversion of Cesar Chavez Street from one-way to two-way traffic.

Amount and Source of Funding: The additional grant amount of \$480,000 will be provided by TxDOT. The required additional \$120,000 local match is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Boards and Commission Action: The recommended improvements have been approved by the following Boards and Commissions: Urban Transportation Commission, Downtown Commission, Design Commission, Land and Facilities and the Parks Board.

Prior Council Action: Council passed a resolution on July 29, 2004 directing the City Manager to determine the best way to convert the five-block long one-way segment of Cesar Chavez to a two-way segment, and to determine the cost.

Council passed a resolution on September 1, 2005 directing the City Manager to convert Cesar Chavez Street from one-way to two-way traffic from San Antonio to Brazos Streets with urban design enhancements in accordance with Option 2 (staff recommendation).

Council authorized execution of an Interlocal Agreement with TxDOT and Amended Ordinance No. 20050912-002, the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Amended Capital Budget of the Public Works Department to authorize acceptance of \$1,920,000 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in Federal Funds for the construction of roadway and sidewalk improvements on Cesar Chavez Street between San Antonio and Brazos Streets on June 8, 2006.

Council passed a resolution on November 16, 2006 approving the use of 0.425 acres of parkland for roadway improvements in Town Lake Park.

The maximum Federal Participation Amount was incorrectly shown in Attachment C of the original Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$1,920,000. Therefore, the Interlocal Agreement is being amended to void Attachment C in its entirety and replace it with Attachment C-1 in the amount of \$2,400,000.

This project will convert the one-way segment of Cesar Chavez Street between San Antonio Street and Brazos Street to two-way operations and add additional signals and turn lanes. Urban design enhancements will be provided that will include widened sidewalks, landscaping, and a pedestrian esplanade along the south side of Cesar Chavez Street between Guadalupe Street and Congress

Avenue. This project is in accordance with Council Resolution 20050901-049 approved September 1, 2005.