

Thursday, October 11, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 25

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Lance Armstrong Bikeway (formerly the Crosstown Bikeway) to allow the City to construct the Bikeway in TxDOT right of way.

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Prior Council Action: • 07/15/99 Council approved list of City of Austin Transportation Enhancement Applications

•10/26/00 Council approved an Advance Funding Agreement with TxDOT for the Austin Crosstown Bikeway (later renamed the Lance Armstrong Bikeway) awarded by the Statewide Transportation Enhancements Program in the amount of \$3,203,163.00.

•09/29/2006 Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an intelocal agreement with TxDOT to amend the 10/26/00 Advance Funding Agreement for the payment to TxDOT of \$63,211.13 for the construction of the bikeway in the IH-35 right of way.

•01/11/2007 Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an Amendment to the Advance Funding Agreement to allow the City to provide \$70,300.00 as its share of the cost of the project in TxDOT Highway 183 right of way.

TxDOT had planned a highway construction project that would rebuild Highway 183 in east Austin. In conjunction with that project, TxDOT intended to construct the easternmost segment of the Lance Armstrong Bikeway, which is located within TxDOT right of way. TxDOT subsequently postponed their project and has indicated that the City should proceed with building the bikeway.

The existing Advance Funding Agreement between the City and TxDOT states that TxDOT will build the bikeway and the City will pay TxDOT its share of the cost. This new Advance Funding Agreement will terminate the previous agreement and all subsequent amendments. The new agreement will allow the City to construct the bikeway and TxDOT to reimburse the City for its share of the cost. The dollar amount of the agreement will not change. The existing funding agreement states that the City will pay 38% of the cost and TxDOT will pay 62% of the cost. The City's share of the funding comes from 1998 bond funding.