

AGENDA



Thursday, November 29, 2007

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 24**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County for the design and construction of Wells Branch Parkway from Heatherwilde to the Pflugerville city limits and Heatherwilde Boulevard from Wells Branch Parkway to Howard Lane in the amount of \$552,716.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission.

Prior Council Action: August 23, 2007, approved projects for 2000 Transportation Bond funding.

Travis County agreed in January 2005 with two local developers and in December 2005 with a third developer to share in the construction costs of approximately 10,000 linear feet of Wells Branch Parkway and Heatherwilde Boulevard. The County and the developers also have agreed to share a cost of \$12,340,000.

The small portion of the project located within the City required negotiation of certain approvals. The City has agreed to pay for engineering and construction of certain intersection, bike lane and median curb and gutter improvements above County standards. City participation is limited to \$552,716. This project is one of the SH130 connectivity and County participation projects approved for 2000 Transportation Bond funding. Construction is ready to begin.

A separate City project will widen Wells Branch Parkway from IH35 to Heatherwilde Boulevard. The City of Pflugerville will also upgrade Heatherwilde Boulevard north of Wells Branch. When these projects are complete, Wells Branch will be a continuous and mostly divided four lane roadway from MoPac (Loop 1) to near the Northeast Metro Park. Heatherwilde Boulevard will be a four lane, mostly divided road from Howard Lane to north of Pflugerville Loop.