

AGENDA



Thursday, December 6, 2007

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 34**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County for construction of a new segment of Braker Lane from the US 290E intersection with Harris Branch Parkway to the SH 130 interchange with Parmer Lane in an amount not to exceed \$2,670,000.

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.

This approximately 9,000 linear feet of Braker Lane was included in the 2005 Travis County Bond referendum. In December 2006, Travis County partnered with three local developers to donate Right of Way and share in the construction costs of approximately 5,000 linear feet (the first three of five planned phases) of Braker Lane. With this Interlocal Agreement, project costs will be shared as follows:

Engineering costs \$1,430,000 Split between County and developer
Construction costs \$8,000,000 Split among City, County and developer
Total Project Costs \$9,430,000

The County will be responsible for project management. The City has agreed to pay a 33% share of the cost of constructing a four-lane-divided arterial with bike lanes and sidewalks in accordance with the 2030 CAMPO plan. City participation is limited to \$2,670,000. This is one of the SH 130 Connectivity and County Participation Projects approved for 2000 Transportation Bond funding. Design is underway with the first construction award expected in the summer of 2009. All work under the County's Participation Agreements is to be completed by September 1, 2011.

The Texas Department of Transportation is planning to provide an interchange at Harris Branch Parkway when the US 290E toll way is constructed. This would require relocation of a 3000-foot section of the northern end of Decker Lane. City of Austin residents and the Harris Branch Homeowner's Association have expressed opposition to this plan. The County's plan can accommodate either intersection location.