Thursday, December 18, 2008

Transportation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 67

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to activate a Federal Earmark project for the construction of an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) on Loop 360 from Walsh Tarlton Road to West Gate Boulevard and on Loop 1 from Loop 360 to Southwest Parkway; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Public Works Department Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$50,000 in grants funds; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Public Works Department Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 20080908-003 to appropriate \$50,000 from the Public Works Department Special Revenue Fund for the ITS on Loop 360.

Amount and Source of Funding: The total grant amount of \$50,000 will be provided by the Texas Department of Transportation. This grant does not require any local match.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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The Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation has no direct costs to activate the project since the project is located on an on-system roadway. The Federal Earmark project consists of the construction of an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) on Loop 360 from Walsh Tarlton Road to West Gate Boulevard and on Loop 1 from Loop 360 to Southwest Parkway.

The ITS will consist of the installation of cameras and pavement sensors to monitor traffic and the installation of a fiber optic line to program and control traffic signals to maximize traffic flow and safety.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.