

Thursday, August 19, 2010

## Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 17

**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 2 to the Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) regarding the Loop 360 Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project to allow the use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for the Loop 360 Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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**Prior Council Action:** October 30, 2003: Approved Advance Funding Agreement with TXDOT that provided for the project.

December 10, 2009: Approved Amendment No. 1 to an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Austin and TXDOT.

April 8, 2010: Authorized Resolution No. 20100408-016 for the project Multiple Use Agreement between the City of Austin and TXDOT.

This amendment to the Advance Funding agreement will allow the City to use ARRA funding in lieu of Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)funding for the Loop 360 Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Project. All other provisions of the original agreement are unchanged and remain in effect. The use of ARRA funding increases the total amount of ARRA funds that the City of Austin will receive as a portion of the regional total.

The Loop 360 Bicycle and Pedestrian Project will add improved shoulder along westbound Loop 360 from US 183 to Arboretum Boulevard and a shared use path from the Arboretum shopping center along US 183 from the southeast parking lot to the intersection of US 183 and Loop 360. Improved crossings will be constructed at Loop 360, and a shared use path will be constructed from Loop 360 to Jollyville Road.