

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Proposition 1, passed by the City of Austin Voters on November 2, 2010, included Corridor Improvement Projects beginning with Preliminary Engineering Studies and leading to the development of a multi-modal transportation system supportive of mixed-use, pedestrian, and bicycle friendly development patterns; and

WHEREAS, the City will be contracting with four engineering firms selected pursuant to the requirements of the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act to provide these Preliminary Engineering Studies to identify the transportation infrastructure needs of four major corridors, including East Riverside Drive, East MLK Boulevard, North Lamar Boulevard, and Airport Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Boulevard Corridor, between North Lamar Boulevard and US Highway 183, includes the portion of Airport Boulevard planning effort to develop a form based code to foster mixed-use, walkable, bicycle and transit-oriented development, and

WHEREAS, the City and the engineering firms prefer that the firms work on the corridor projects that most efficiently matches their interests and resources, and are interested in contract reassignments to increase that efficiency, and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to reassign the projects described in the Request for Council Action so that:

1. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. studies Airport Boulevard corridor improvements;
2. URS Corporation, Inc. studies FM 969 (E. MLK Blvd) corridor improvements;
3. HDR Engineering, Inc., studies East Riverside Drive corridor improvements; and
4. Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc., studies North Lamar Boulevard and North Burnet Road corridor improvements.

This reassignment will result in a seamless interface between the subject Airport Boulevard Corridor Improvements Study and the Airport Boulevard Form Based Code (FBC) Initiative that is currently underway as a separate project. This improved interface will result from having several of the same consulting firms working on both the Airport Boulevard FBC as well as the Airport Boulevard Corridor Improvements Study. Common consulting firms working on both projects will be a more efficient process resulting in a better end product for both projects.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk