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Recommendation for Council Action						
Austin City Council		Item ID	7788	Agenda Number		17.
Meeting Date:	7/28/2011 Department:		Economic Growth and Redevelopment			
Subject						
Authorize execution of a Preliminary Engineering Agreement with UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD to review plans prepared by HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Bowie Pedestrian and Bicycle Underpass, in the amount of \$75,000.						
Amount and Source of Funding						
Funding in the amount of \$75,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Pubic Works Department Capital Budget.						
Fiscal Note						
Fiscal note is attached.						
Purchasing Language:						
Prior Council Action:						
For More Information:	Greg Kiloh, Project Manager / EGRSO / 974-7836; Fred Evins, Redevelopment Project Manager / EGRSO / 974-7131					
Boards and Commission Action:						
MBE / WBE:						
Related Items:						
Additional Backup Information						
Union Pacific Railroad requires execution of a standard Preliminary Engineering Agreement and payment for engineering review of all railroad facilities impacted by projects proposed by public entities.						
This project will create the primary bicycle and pedestrian link between two recent residential and commercial development areas separated by Lady Bird Lake. The Bowie Underpass will connect users to the proposed Seaholm Lone Star Rail/Urban Rail transfer station. The project will also replace the northernmost span of the existing Union Pacific Railroad Lady Bird Lake Bridge, which is located over the newly constructed 2nd Street and includes a new ballasted deck, as required by Union Pacific Railroad. The design of the pedestrian underpass is approximately 30% complete. Negotiations with Union Pacific Railroad resulted in the addition of the bridge span replacement and a controlled surface crossing west of Lamar.						