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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	10139	Agenda Number	32.
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Meeting Date:	11/3/2011	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Approve a resolution stating the City's preference for proposed sound walls along the Loop 1 (MoPac) corridor as part of the MoPac Improvement Project in the City's capacity as adjacent property owner to the proposed project, and directing the City Manager to draft an agreement for use of the City's Right-of-Way for the potential construction of Wall No. 3.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Robert Spillar, 974-2488; Gary Schatz, 974-7189; Gilda Powers, 974-7092.
Boards and Commission Action:	Reviewed by the Urban Transportation Commission.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in coordination with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (Mobility Authority), is conducting an Environmental Study to possibly construct improvements on MoPac between Parmer Lane and Cesar Chavez Street. As part of this project, the construction of sound walls along portions of the Loop 1/MoPac Corridor is contemplated. TxDOT and Mobility Authority staff have been meeting with neighborhoods along the corridor where sound walls are currently contemplated and have received public input according to TxDOT policies for the consideration of sound walls. This policy seeks input (vote) from property owners abutting the corridor for which sound walls might be beneficial, requiring a 51% voter response.

The City of Austin is the owner of record for a number of properties abutting the TxDOT corridor where sound walls are being considered. The City of Austin is being requested to indicate its preference on individual sound walls, affirming the citizen input received from the abutting property owners; specifically, staff recommends to the City Council to indicate its preference for sound walls number 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 22 (See Table and Diagrams attached). For wall number 2, the adjacent property owners voted against the wall. Wall No. 2 would have been constructed on the City's Right-of-Way.

This Resolution indicates the City of Austin preference only and does not create a fiscal responsibility for the construction of these walls.

Below is a list of the proposed sound walls:

Name	Location
Barrier 2	NB Along Great Northern Blvd, Foster Lane to Pinecrest Dr
Barrier 3	NB Along Great Northern Blvd, Mohawk Rd to RM2222
Barrier 4	SB Between RM2222 and Hancock Dr
Barrier 5	SB Between Hancock Dr and Perry Ln
Barrier 6	NB Between Hancock Dr and Perry Ln
Barrier 7	NB at 45th St - along bridge rail
Barrier 11	NB Between 35th St and Westover
Barrier 12	SB at Westover - along bridge rail
Barrier 13	SB Between Westover and Windsor
Barrier 15	NB Between Westover and Windsor
Barrier 16	NB Between Windsor and Enfield
Barrier 22	SB Between Enfield and Lake Austin Blvd - along bridge rail

The Resolution also permits the Mobility Authority to construct Wall No. 3 inside City of Austin Right-of-Way along Great Northern Blvd. and after construction be turned over to the City of Austin to own and maintain. The appropriate agreements required for the acceptance of ownership and maintenance of the wall will be presented to the City Council at a later date.

Participation by the City of Austin in the overall MoPac/Loop 1 Improvement Project is a subject of ongoing staff discussion and will also be brought to City Council at a later date.