

RESOLUTION NO. 20120927-085

WHEREAS, in May of 2012, the Bond Election Advisory Task Force recommended that the City of Austin provide information to the public about how general obligation bonds and funds for other capital improvement projects are spent; and

WHEREAS, one goal of the Austin Comprehensive Plan is to guide spending and provide direction for capital improvement projects, budget priorities, and bond packages; and

WHEREAS, an online resource on infrastructure projects would help the public know where and how public funds, including voter-approved bonds, have been allocated and spent; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department, Communications & Technology Management Department, Financial and Administrative Services Department, and the Capital Planning Office have begun an effort to create a Geographic Information System (GIS) tool with financial and project information to assist in increasing transparency and access to city data and to enhance the coordinated development of infrastructure; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

That the City Council directs the City Manager to present options for a

system that would show the public how general obligation bonds and other funds are being spent on City infrastructure, including a map of projects and programs, current status, name, specific funding source, and dollars expended. The system should also have the ability to create reports showing the geographic distribution of past and present infrastructure investments, including transportation infrastructure, parks and open space, libraries, and all city facilities that are used by the public.

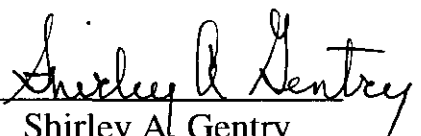
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager is also directed to work in collaboration with the Open Government Working Group of the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission to explore implementation options via civic development with open data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager is directed to assess the cost and feasibility of such a system and to have the multi-department team provide a status of its ongoing initiative to Council by December 6, 2012.

ADOPTED: September 27, 2012

ATTEST: 
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk