

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 22491 Agenda Number 22.

Meeting Date: 3/28/2013 Department: Public Works

Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation for the design and the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian promenade adjacent to Sabine Street from 4th to 7th Streets; amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to accept funds from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$2,736,000; and amending the Public Works Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20120910-002) to transfer in and appropriate \$2,736,000 from the Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for design and construction of this project.

Amount and Source of Funding

This project has three funding sources: TXDOT will provide \$2,736,000, the Public Works Department has a 20% match in the amount of \$684,000 funded from the 2010 Mobility Bond and the Planning and Development Review Department will provide \$75,900 from the Great Streets Parking Meter Revenue Fund for payment of the direct State costs.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language: June 24, 2010, Council adopted the Waller Creek District Master Plan which includes the recommendation for Sabine Street Promenade; September 23, 2010, Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to explore a public-private partnership with the Waller Creek Conservancy for the development, management, and operation of the Waller Creek Conservancy and created a Local Government Corporation to assist in the implementation of the MOU and the Waller Creek project; October 18, 2012 Council affirmed the selection of Michael Van Valkenburgh and Associates/Thomas Phifer & Partners (MVVA) as the winning design team.

Additional Backup Information

For More Information:

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The purpose of this Advance Funding Agreement is to accept funds to design and construct the Sabine Street Promenade from 4th Street to 7th Street. The improvements will include extra-wide sidewalks with several rows of trees, on-street parking, and bike lanes.

This project is coordinated with the Waller Creek Conservancy and is consistent with the Michael Van Valkenburgh and Associates/Thomas Pfifer & Partners concept design. The project is anticipated to connect to and integrate with future Waller Creek area improvements.

This project will provide bicycle and pedestrian accommodation for users of all abilities and contribute to the creation of a multi-modal connection from the southern portion of Waller Creek Trail to the existing portion north of 7th Street.

CAMPO has awarded the project federal funding under the Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility program. The State will provide 80% of the project costs with the City funding the remaining 20% through the 2010 Mobility Bond. A portion of costs will be paid through the Great Streets Parking Meter Revenue Fund.

Project design and construction is managed by the Public Works Department.