

CIP BUDGET EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

6/20/13
Austin Transportation

SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF AMERICAS, INC., for engineering services for the IH-35 Corridor Development Program, a 2010 MOBILITY BOND PROJECT, in the amount of \$400,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,600,000.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Project Name:	IH 35 Corridor Improvements
Project Authorization:	2011-2012 Capital Budget
Funding Source:	2012 GO Bonds P12
Fund/Dept/Unit:	8112 2507 A003

Current Budget	1,100,000
Unencumbered Balance	400,000
This Action	(400,000)
Estimated Available	<u>0</u>

Total Amount of this Action	<u>400,000</u>
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ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Traffic congestion within the Austin region is recognized by many as one of the major challenges to the future economic, environmental, and social health of the City. Residents of the City are affected daily by long commutes, congested freeway corridors, and a general lack of alternative travel routes. IH-35, running from south to north through the center of the community is among the most congested corridors within the region, the fourth most congested in Texas and the 17th worst in the U.S. according to the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI).

A project team is currently developing a series of short-, mid-, and long-range solutions based on the identified need from the Capital Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) in the region's 2035 Long Range Plan and Metropolitan Planning Work Plan. These solutions aim to maximize the potential throughput of the corridor between SH 45 on the south and SH 45 on the north. Along with developing these proposed solutions, the project team's scope has included: development of a corridor investment plan, identification of projects for future bond elections and other fund sources, identification of partnering opportunities, and coordination of public outreach.

The project team has held three public workshops, four series of three open houses and more than 40 stakeholder meetings with adjacent businesses, neighborhoods, educational institutions, churches and interested associations, in addition to social media and maintaining a program website. These efforts have generated over 400 ideas that were evaluated to define the problem and identify alternatives for technical and public review to develop an implementation strategy. Other agency stakeholders included in the program development: Federal Highway Administration; Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Travis County;