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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

25301

Agenda Number

24.

Meeting Date:

6/20/2013

Department:

Public Works

Subject

Approve an ordinance accepting funds in the amount of \$150,000 from BIKE SHARE OF AUSTIN for a portion of the local matching funds necessary to meet the grant requirements for the Bike Share Program; amending the Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) in the amount of \$150,000; and amending the Public Works Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No.20120910-002) to transfer in and appropriate \$150,000 from the Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for the Bike Share Program. Related to Item # 32.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is available from BIKE SHARE OF AUSTIN.

Fiscal Note

Fiscal notes are attached.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

June 11, 2009: Council approved the Bicycle Master Plan (20090611-075); December 8, 2011: Council approved the Downtown Master Plan (20111208-093), June 28, 2012: Council approved the Advanced Funding Agreement (20120628-47); August 2, 2012: Council approved the Sustainability Action Agenda (20120802-031); January 17, 2013: Council approved the Bike Share Managing Partner (20130117-47)

For More Information:

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Boards and
Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The City Council accepted a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on June 27, 2012 in the amount of \$1.5 million to implement a bicycle sharing program for Austin. Under the Program agreement, the local matching funds of \$500,000 are to be provided by BIKE SHARE OF AUSTIN. BIKE SHARE OF AUSTIN currently has \$150,000 secured and this City Council action is to accept those funds to begin the Program. BIKE SHARE OF AUSTIN has stated that the balance of the matching funds, \$350,000, will be available in August 2013. Staff is recommending that the City Council accept \$150,000 from BIKE SHARE OF AUSTIN at this time. The City Manager will return to the City Council to appropriate the balance of the funds when they are received.

This project will allow the Public Works Department to purchase approximately 400 bicycles, 600 docks, 40 kiosks, and other miscellaneous accessories including the hardware and software to operate the Bike Share Program. The Bike Share Program is a bicycle-sharing service that supports mobility options. The focus of this shared transportation service will be primarily the Downtown area and its immediate environs. This program implements objectives and action items adopted in the Downtown Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, and the Sustainability Action Plan. The City of Austin aims to have the bike share program operable late 2013.