

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 27182 Agenda Number 55.

Meeting Date: 9/26/2013 Department: Public Works

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Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County to designate the City as the lead agency in a partnership with the County for preliminary engineering studies and design on the extension of Braker Lane from its existing terminus to Harris Branch Parkway. Related to Item #56.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	June 28, 2011: Approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit applications for potential transportation projects to CAMPO as candidates for federal grant application under the STP-MM program administered through CAMPO and the Texas Department of Transportation. February 28, 2013: Authorized the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County to designate Travis County as the lead agency in partnership with the City for proposed preliminary engineering studies on the extension of Braker Lane from its existing terminus to Harris Branch Parkway.
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Additional Backup Information

In December of 2011, CAMPO approved funding for preliminary engineering and environmental studies for the joint City of Austin and Travis County Braker Lane to Howard Branch Parkway project. The project will complete a critical missing gap of Braker Lane to Harris Branch Parkway. The high-priority project is located in an Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan Activity Center and will improve access to area schools, neighborhoods, and major regional employers including Samsung. The Braker Lane project is currently divided into three segments, Segment One (Terminus to Samsung Boulevard), Segment Two (Samsung Boulevard to Giles Lane), and Segment Three (Giles Lane to Harris Branch Parkway). Segments One and Three are within the City of Austin jurisdiction while the majority of Segment Two is within Travis County jurisdiction.

This action is to authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the preliminary engineering and design on Segments Two and Three. The preliminary engineering and a substantial

portion of the design on Segments Two and Three will be completed with Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility federal matching funds. The funds were allocated to the City and Travis County, and will be administered by CAMPO and TxDOT. The interlocal agreement ensures the maintenance of consistent design and engineering for the segments that are within Travis County jurisdictional boundaries.

This project is located within zip codes 78754 and 78653 and is managed by the Public Works Department.