

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	33476	Agenda Number	63.
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Meeting Date:	6/26/2014	Department:	Transportation
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**Subject**

Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of an advance funding agreement between the City and the Texas Department of Transportation to install bicycle signals and detection equipment at specific intersections.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the 20% local match are available in the 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20121213-028.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

**Additional Backup Information**

In September 2012, the Texas Department of Transportation issued a call for nominations for communities to apply for federal highway funding assistance made available through the Transportation Enhancement Program

On December 13, 2012, Council approved Resolution 20121213-028 supporting and approving the submittal of project nominations and funding for a 2012 Transportation Enhancement grant to install bicycle signals and detection at specific intersections throughout the city. This grant, in the amount of \$200,000 with a 20% local match of \$50,000 was approved. The next step in the acceptance of this grant is to negotiate and execute the Advance Funding Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation.

The goal of this project is to improve safety conditions for all roadway users through heightening bicycle detection and the installation of bicycle signals at identified intersections. This grant will provide for the innovative use of bicycle signals at intersections that experience high volumes of bicycle traffic. This grant allows for requested experimentation with bicycle signals as approved by the Federal Highway Administration. This experimentation, if

needed, would add to the national knowledge base for enhanced bicycle signalization and detection.

This grant and matching funds will be used to reimburse construction costs to install bicycle signals or bicycle detection at 32 intersections. A list of intersections is in attached as Exhibit A. Matching funds, costs for design and bid services will come from 2012 bond funding.

Before the construction phase of this project, a budget amendment will be submitted to accept the grant funds from TxDOT. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2015.