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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

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47141

Agenda Number

71.

Meeting Date:

6/18/2015

Department:

Transportation

Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a list of potential transportation projects to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) as candidates for a federal grant application under the Transportation Alternatives Program administered through CAMPO.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

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Council Committee,
Boards and
Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grants

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives (Map-21 §1103). CAMPO is charged with holding a competitive call for the formula funding allocated to the Austin Urbanized Area based upon population. All CAMPO jurisdictions are eligible to apply for TAP funding through this call. CAMPO staff proposes to issue a Call for Project in late June (date to be announced) with applications due in late July (date to be announced). CAMPO staff anticipates completing the evaluation of projects submitted for funding and receive a CAMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendation in late September for Transportation Policy Board approval of additions to the *FYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program* by mid-October.

The total federal apportionment of TAP funding available for this call for projects is projected to be \$10,020,000 in fiscal years 2016-2018. This figure does not include the required minimum 20% local match or utilizing Transportation Development Credits.

Table 1: TAP Program □ Federal Apportionment

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY2018	Total
Category 9	\$2.99 M	\$5.48 M	\$1.54 M	\$10.02M

TxDOT Administrative Costs can be reimbursable costs for the approved phases of TAP awards.

**City of Austin (COA) Proposed CAMPO Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
Candidate Projects**

This is a draft list that may be modified upon further review of project feasibility and eligibility.

Project	Sponsor	Federal Funds	Local Match	Match Source
Pedestrian Safety Enhancements City-wide	Austin Transportation Department	\$2,500,000	\$500,000	Quarter Cent Funds, 2012 Bond Funding, PWD Sidewalk Program Funds, ATD Operational funding
Upper Boggy Creek Trail	Public Works Department	\$1,280,000	\$320,000	2012 Urban Trail Bond Funding
Bike Share Expansion	Austin Transportation Department	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	Private match
Burnet Road at 2222/Koenig Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements	Austin Transportation Department	\$1,400,000	\$280,000	2012 Bond Funding

Pedestrian Safety Enhancements City-Wide

This project proposes to address sidewalk gaps and install three types of pedestrian safety devices at locations throughout the City. Pedestrian safety devices include pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHB), Pedestrian Countdown Timers and Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS). A pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) is a pedestrian-activated warning device. The PHB provides a positive stop control in areas without the high pedestrian traffic volumes that typically warrant the installation of a signal. Funding would also be provided for Pedestrian Countdown Timers and Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) which are of particular help to the visually impaired. Funding would also be used to provide accessibility, such as sidewalks and curb ramps, up to the PHB location.

Upper Boggy Creek Trail

This project proposes to construct an urban trail from just south of E. 12th Street to MLK Station extending the existing trail system along the Boggy Creek Greenbelt. This project will serve multiple neighborhoods and users in the area. The trail will connect to the Sustainable Food Center community garden, a community space, and other active recreational uses as well as provide a direct connection to the MLK Metrorail station. This project is called for by the Rosewood Neighborhood Plan (2001), MLK TOD Station Area Plan, and is in an Imagine Austin Center. The 20% local match funding would be provided from 2012 Urban Trail Bond Funding.

Bike Share Expansion

This project proposes an expansion of the City's bicycle share system for 18 additional stations. The proposed expansion would significantly improve the capacity of the bicycle share system to catch short trips and facilitate last mile transit connections and transfers in system's current service area. The public process for the launch of phase I of bicycle share identified high priorities for system expansion outside the area served by the original grant funding. Local match for this project is privately raised by Bike Share of Austin, the non-profit organization that operates the bike share system under an agreement with the City of Austin.

Burnet Road at 2222/Koenig Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

This project proposes to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility at the intersection of 2222/Koenig and Burnet as well as create an all ages and abilities east-west urban trail connection. The project includes protected bicycle lanes on White Rock connected to Romeria via a trail segment along the Lamar Middle School property, improved bicycle pedestrian facilities along Wynona to Lamar MS, improved bicycle and pedestrian crossing of Burnet at Romeria, and pedestrian crossing and streetscape improvements at 2222 and Burnet. Changes affecting 2222/Koenig are subject to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) approval.