

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Fund of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Spicewood Springs Road is currently a Major Arterial Divided urban roadway with 4-lanes (MAD4) west of North MoPac Expressway to the east property line of 4714 Spicewood Springs Road. Between 4714 Spicewood Springs Road and the crest of the hill (see attached map), the road narrows to 2 lanes. From the crest of the hill down to the traffic signal at Capital of Texas Highway, the road expands again to an undivided 4-lane roadway.

Spicewood Springs Road is a critical east/west thoroughfare for north Austin. The short 2 lane section has many access driveways to office buildings, a multi-family complex and several residences. The main entry for the Austin Board of Realtors (ABoR) facility (4800 Spicewood Springs Road) on the north side of the road is aligned with the entrance to a large multi-family complex on the south side of the road. Traffic along this section is frequently stopped due to the demand for left turning movements.

ABoR has funded \$83,642 for survey, design, and permitting for a dedicated left turn lane that will extend from ABoR's east property line across to its west property line and has secured the services of White Construction to

construct the turn lane improvements. The construction cost to install the turn lane is \$269,786 (\$220,795 + \$48,991), for a total cost of \$353,428.

Additionally, the installation of the turn lane would require drainage improvements previously installed to correct offsite storm-water runoff that was causing significant erosion to ABoR's property. The construction cost for right-ofway improvements is \$87,517.

Staff recommends the City enter into a cost sharing agreement with the ABoR for this work because the additional road capacity will benefit Austin drivers and improve mobility on this important connection.

A summary of the costs are as follows:

Spicewood Springs Road Turn Lane

\$83,642 Turn Lane Design and Surveying Costs

\$220,795 White Construction June 9, 2015 Bid

\$48,991 White Construction August 6, 2015 Change Order

\$353,428 Total Turn Lane Costs

Spicewood Springs Road Right-of-Way

\$39,973 Drainage Improvements

\$47,541 ROW Landscaping

\$87,514 Total ROW Improvements

Total Improvements to public Rights-of-Way

\$353,428 Turn Lane Costs

\$87,514 Right Of Way Improvements

\$440,942 Total Improvements to public Rights of Way

Cost Sharing Assumptions: Rights of Way

\$310,864 70.5% Austin Board of REALTORS

\$130,078 29.5% City of Austin

\$440,942 Total Improvements to public Rights of Way (See Exhibits A&B)