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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	51922	Agenda Number	61.
Meeting Date:	11/19/2015		Department:	Transportation	
Subject					
Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of an advance funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation in an amount not to exceed \$9,200,000 for intersection improvements to the I-35 Southbound Frontage Road at 51st Street Intersection and Ramp Reconfiguration Project.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$9, 200, 000 is available from the 2012 Transportation Mobility Bond.					
Fiscal Note					
The fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
<p>The purpose of this Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) is to authorize \$9,200,000 of 2012 Bond funds to supplement construction funds provided by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to complete construction of the I-35 Southbound Frontage Road at 51st Street Intersection and Ramp Reconfiguration Project. The City's participation is \$9,200,000 and the State's is estimated at \$8,000,000 for a total construction cost estimate of \$17,200,000 for Phase II of the 51st Street project. Construction will be managed by TxDOT and is estimated to begin mid-2016 and complete by late 2017. The State will be responsible for 100% of the costs in excess of the \$17,200,000 construction estimate.</p> <p>The I-35/51st Street interchange improvements for the southbound frontage road of I-35 will provide improved access through the 51st Street intersection, reduce congestion on 51st Street and improve southbound ramp operations between 51st Street and Airport Boulevard pedestrian and bicycle connectivity will be considered and ultimately enhanced as part of this effort. TxDOT developed a conceptual design that is responsive to the needs expressed by stakeholders in numerous neighborhood meetings and open houses attended by representatives from both TxDOT and the City.</p> <p>More specifically, the project will realign the southbound frontage road to make room for the addition of a collector-distributor road between the frontage road and mainlanes, reconfigure the ramps on the southbound frontage road, construct a new roundabout at the 51st Street intersection, and improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities.</p> <p>The project is located in Districts 4 and 9.</p>					