



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT MOBILITY COMMITTEE

Date: December 2, 2015

Agenda Item #: 4

Agenda Item: Discussion and possible action on the expansion of the parking benefit district in West Campus.

Vote: On a 4-0 vote, the Mobility Committee voted to approve staff's recommendations on the expansion of the parking benefit district in West Campus, and to forward to Council with a recommendation to approve.

Sponsors/Department: Austin Transportation Department

Parking Division Manager, Steve Grassfield, presented information detailing the item to expand the parking benefit district in West Campus. The expansion comes at the request of the University Area Partners. University Area Partners established a Parking Benefit District in September 2012.

The boundaries include Rio Grande to Lamar Blvd. from MLK to 29th Street. The area around MLK to 24th and San Gabriel to Lamar will not be participating in this expansion. This expansion would include an additional 315 paid parking spaces in the area that would be monitored Monday-Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

City staff conducted a parking study in this area and determined that there is an additional parking need in this area. Fliers, yard signs and emails were distributed to residents and businesses in the area alerting them about this item. Additionally, a community meeting was held September 30th. President of University Area Partners, Mike McHone, also spoke in support of the item. Mr. McHone, in coordination with City staff, has conducted numerous outreach efforts to residents and businesses in the area. Both Mr. McHone and Mr. Grassfield reported there has been no opposition to these proposed plans.

Public Comments: None

Direction: The item will go to the full City Council on Dec. 10, 2015.

Recommendation: On a 4-0 vote, the Mobility Committee voted to approve staff's recommendations on the expansion of the parking benefit district in West Campus. Council Member Delia Garza made the motion, with a second from Council Member Sherri Gallo.