

AGENDA

**Recommendation for Council Action****AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL****Regular Meeting: March 22, 2018**Item Number: **043****Transportation - Mobility Bond**

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to increase appropriations by \$61,032 and to increase the number of authorized staff positions by five full-time equivalent staff positions to implement the 2016 Mobility Bond program.

Lead Department	Austin Transportation Department
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the FY 2017-2018 Operating and Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. A fiscal note is attached.
Prior Council Action	<p>August 18, 2016 - Council passed Resolution No. 20160818-074, which included information on the projects to be included in the Mobility Bond on a 7-1 vote with Council Member Houston voting nay, Council Members Garza, Troxclair, and Zimmerman abstaining.</p> <p>August 18, 2016 - Council passed Ordinance No. 20160818-023, which ordered a special election for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for transportation and mobility on a 7-1 vote with Council Member Houston voting nay, Council Members Garza, Troxclair, and Zimmerman abstaining.</p> <p>September 13, 2017 - Council passed Ordinance No. 20170913-001; which adopted the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 on an 8-3 vote. Those voting aye were: Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Alter, Casar, Garza, Kitchen, Pool and Renteria. Those voting nay were: Council Members Flannigan, Houston and Troxclair.</p>
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Additional Backup Information:

In the November 2016 general obligation bond election, City of Austin voters approved Proposition 1 authorizing \$720 Million in general obligation bonds to fund transportation and mobility capital improvements. Resolution No. 20160818-074 passed on August 18, 2016 clarifies and declares the Contract with Voters for the 2016 Mobility Bond. The goal is to complete the 2016 Mobility Bond Program in the eight-year timeframe desired by Council.

Implementation of the 2016 Mobility Bond Corridor Program will require extensive internal and external management and coordination efforts as the 2016 Mobility Bond Program is much larger than previous transportation and mobility programs. Therefore, additional resources are required in order to implement this Program.

The breakdown of the five total positions is as follows:

Corridor Program Office:

2 Positions (Project Coordinators for Leveraging/Partnerships) - Bond funded for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18;

2 Positions (Project Coordinators for Program and Project implementation) - Bond funded for FY 2017-18; and

1 Position (Public Information Specialist, Senior) - Bond funded for FY 2017-18.