

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: April 26, 2018

Item Number: **028**

Transportation - Mobility Bond

Approve a resolution consistent with the contract with the voters established by Resolution No. 20160818-074 relating to the 2016 Transportation and Mobility General Obligation bonds, to implement transportation and mobility improvements on nine corridors as part of the 2016 Mobility Bond Corridor Construction Program.

Lead Department	Austin Transportation Department
Fiscal Note	Funding for initial design work on the Corridor Construction Program is available in the FY 2017-18 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. Funding for construction is contingent upon approval of future budgets.
Prior Council Action	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. 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 voted nay, Council Members Garza, Troxclair, and Zimmerman abstaining.
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Additional Backup Information:

On November 8, 2016, Austin voters authorized the City to issue \$720,000,000 in Transportation and Mobility General Obligation bonds. Those bonds include \$482,000,000 for corridor improvement projects. Based on Ordinance 20160818- 023, which established the bond proposition language and authorized the bond election, funding from the 2016 Mobility Bond is intended for implementation of Corridor Plan recommendations as well as preliminary engineering and design on additional corridors and critical arterials. Resolution No. 20160818-074, approved by council contemporaneously with the ordinance authorizing the bond election, the “contract with voters”(Exhibit “A”), directs the City Manager to “bring forth recommendations supported by identifiable metrics”for “implementation of a Corridor Construction Program.”Council must review and approve the Corridor Construction Program before “construction funding is appropriated or construction initiated for these projects.”The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the Corridor Program Office to implement transportation and mobility improvements on nine corridors consistent with the contract with voters and as outlined in the proposed Corridor Construction Program.

From November 2016 to January 2018, the Corridor Program Office led a strategic planning and prioritization process with representatives from multiple City departments, Capital Metro, and the Texas Department of Transportation. This work led to the creation of an estimated \$1,400,000,000 proposed Corridor Construction Program composed of recommendations in the Corridor Mobility Plans, which staff has apportioned into 34 investment packages. The 2016 Mobility Bond will fund \$482,000,000, with the remaining funding to be identified in future budgets, other funding strategies, and through leveraging and partnership opportunities. As funding becomes available, staff will begin work on all investment packages and will be guided by the prioritization results and the realities of implementation.

On October 4, 2017, a Prioritization Methodology Report was published with a follow up briefing to Council on October 10, 2017. The Project Team identified indicators and metrics for the four Mobility Priorities and six Community Considerations outlined in the contract with voters to prioritize the recommendations in the Corridor Mobility Plans. The Mobility Priorities and Community Considerations are outlined in Exhibit “B.”

In addition to this prioritization process, staff considered leveraging opportunities and geographic dispersion factors in developing the proposed Corridor Construction Program, as directed by the contract with voters.

The proposed Corridor Construction Program contains a total of 34 investment packages that utilize different funding strategies for implementation. The proposed Corridor Construction Program includes full design and construction of corridor-wide mobility improvements for all nine corridors, and also contains full design and construction for other enhanced multimodal improvements using 2016 Mobility Bond funding as outlined in Exhibit “C.”

Furthermore, the proposed Corridor Construction Program will initiate design and possible construction for enhanced multimodal improvements using 2016 Mobility Bond funding, with the remaining investment packages to be implemented by seeking additional funding opportunities, and implementing design standards, as outlined in Exhibit "C." The proposed Corridor Construction Program's overall anticipated impact is outlined in Exhibit "D."

Staff is asking City Council to adopt the proposed Corridor Construction Program to begin implementation of these corridor improvement projects as outlined above in fulfillment of City Council's contract with voters.

Adoption of the proposed Corridor Construction Program will utilize previously approved 2016 Mobility Bond funds and this action does not commit the City to funding new programs in the future.