



**RCA  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 26  
**AGENDA DATE:** Thu 03/25/2004  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for a right-turn lane and signalization work at the intersection of Covered Bridge and State Highway 71, in the amount of \$100,000.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Total project cost is \$267,000. Funding in the amount of \$167,000 to be provided by TxDOT; \$55,000 will be collected from private entities and held in escrow by the City; and \$45,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget of the Fire Department.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Transportation, Planning **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:** and Sustainability **AUTHORIZATION:** Austan Librach

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Forrest, 974-2244; Sylvia Arzola, 974-6448

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has established a policy whereby a request by a private entity for construction improvement in state-maintained rights-of-way must be sponsored by and paid for by the local government. This Agreement is to disperse funds collected from the private entities and the City of Austin Fire Department to pay for improvements within state-maintained rights-of-way. 55% of the funds to construct the improvements were collected from private businesses located near the intersection and are in a City of Austin escrow account. Upon completion of construction, the City of Austin will make final payment to TxDOT. Any interest earned by the funds will be paid to the private entities.

The funds include 55% from the Covered Bridge L.L. C., and 45% from the City of Austin Fire Department to fund a total of \$100,000. TxDOT will fund \$167,000 for a total cost of \$267,000. The Fire Department agreed to the improvements in the 1996 acquisition of the Oak Hill Fire Station site. The turn lane and traffic signal benefit both the Fire Department and citizens of the community.

The proposed improvements in the TxDOT right-of-way are for a right-turn lane and signalization work at the intersection of Covered Bridge and state Highway 71. TxDOT will solicit bids for the work and award and administer the construction contract for the signalization work.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The Council authorizes execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for a right-turn lane and signalization work at the intersection of Covered Bridge and State Highway 71, in the amount of \$100,000.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley A. Brown  
City Clerk