


## AGENDA



Thursday, June 8, 2006

 Back**Public Works  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL  
ACTION**

ITEM 21

**Subject:** Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,920,000 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001, to appropriate \$1,920,000; amending the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Public Works Department Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 20050912-002 to appropriate \$1,920,000 for the construction of roadway and sidewalk improvements on Cesar Chavez Street between San Antonio and Brazos Street, including the conversion of Cesar Chavez Street from one-way to two-way traffic.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** The total grant amount of \$1,920,000 will be provided by TxDOT. The required \$480,000 local match is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Amended Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Rick Colbrunn 974-7089; Laura Bohl 974-7064.

**Prior Council Action:** Council passed a resolution on July 29, 2004 directing the City Manager to determine the best way to convert the five-block one-way segment of Cesar Chavez to a two-way segment, and to determine the cost. Council passed a resolution on September 1, 2005 directing the City Manager to convert Cesar Chavez Street from one-way to two-way traffic from San Antonio to Brazos Streets with urban design enhancements in accordance with Option 2 (staff recommendation).

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission, Downtown Commission, Design Commission, and Land and Facilities Parks Board. (Related to Item 22)

**Additional Backup Material**

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 FISCAL NOTE

This project, currently in the design phase, will convert the one-way segment of Cesar Chavez between San Antonio Street and Brazos Street to two-way operations and add additional signals and turn lanes. Urban design enhancements will also be provided that will include widened sidewalks, landscaping and a pedestrian esplanade along the south side of Cesar Chavez Street between Guadalupe Street and Congress Avenue. This project is being designed in accordance with Council Resolution 20050901-049 approved

September 1, 2005.