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Watershed Protection and Development Review RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 25

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County for the construction of the extension of McKinney Falls Parkway and for the construction of regional drainage improvements to upgrade a low water crossing on Thaxton Road over the Marble Creek tributary to Onion Creek.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$867,228 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. The County's cost participation will be approximately \$159,000

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached

Additional Backup Material

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- D Location Map
- □ WPDR Fiscal Note

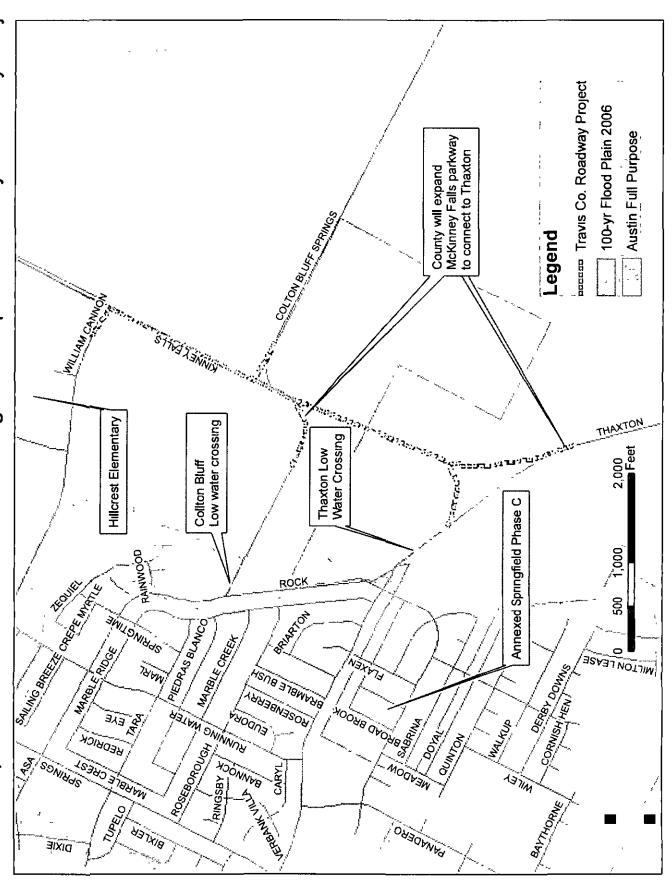
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Travis County intends to construct an extension of McKinney Falls Parkway from William Cannon Drive to Thaxton Road (the "County Project") This area of Austin and Travis County is developing rapidly and the roadway system is experiencing additional vehicular traffic. The City desires to upgrade the undersized low water crossing on Thaxton Road at Marble Creek adjacent to the County Project (the "Low Water Crossing Improvement Project will provide improved wet-weather access to and from incorporated areas of the City of Austin. The current Thaxton Road crossing at Marble Creek presents a significant flood hazard for vehicular traffic. The road is overtopped by flood waters in less than a 5-year storm event. The proposed roadway crossing culvert improvements will provide safe vehicular passage for up to the 25-year storm event

Travis County will incorporate the Low Water Crossing Improvement Project into the County Project (the "Combined Project"). The County agrees to cost participate in the Low Water Crossing Improvement Project in the amount of the applicable City of Austin Regional Stormwater Management Program ("RSMP") fee inlieu-of on-site stormwater detention for the County Project, reduced by the County's cost of upstream and downstream drainage easement acquisition for the Low Water Crossing Improvement Project. The estimated RSMP fee for the County Project is \$159,000. The City agrees to pay all other costs for the Low Water Crossing improvements, including the cost of surveying, design, construction phase engineering services, improvements construction, inspection, testing, and the cost of any change orders to address unanticipated conditions.

The estimated total project cost for the Low Water Improvement Project is \$990,000. The City will transfer funds to the County into an escrow account for the City's portion of the design and construction costs. City construction inspection and testing costs (estimated to be \$60,000) will be paid directly from City CIP funds. The fund transfer to the County is estimated to be approximately \$770,000.

Location Map for Thaxton Low Water Crossing and Proposed County Roadway Project



CIP BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION WHERE ON AGENDA: DEPARTMENT.

7-Dec-06

Watershed Protection & Development Review

Description Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County for the construction of regional drainage improvements to upgrade a low water crossing on Thaxton Road over the Marble Creek tributary to Onion Creek

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Project Name Marble Creek Drain Imprvmnts 2006-2007 Amended Capital Budget Project Authorization Funding Source RSMP Fund 4860-6307-8500 Fund/Agency/Orgn \$336,000 00 Total Current Appropriation Unencumbered Balance \$318,063 00 Amount of this Action (\$318,063 00) \$0.00 Remaining Balance Project Name Miscellaneous Drng Imprvmts Project Authorization 2006-2007 Amended Capital Budget Funding Source 1984 Bond / P19 Fund/Agency/Orgn 8240-6207-1905 \$2,779,583 00 **Total Current Appropriation** Unencumbered Balance \$318,392 00 Amount of this Action (\$318,392 00) Remaining Balance \$0.00 Project Name Preliminary Engineering Fund 2006-2007 Amended Capital Budget Project Authorization Funding Source Drainage Utility Fund 4850-6307-2012 Fund/Agency/Orgn \$270,264 00 Total Current Appropriation Unencumbered Balance \$230,773 00 Amount of this Action (\$230,773 00) Remaining Balance \$0.00 Financial Approval _____ Date