



TO: Mayor and Council Members

Cc: Elaine Hart, Interim City Manager

From: Robert Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager

DATE: November 9, 2016

SUBJECT: **2016 Mobility Bond Start-Up Activities**

Following the affirmative vote for City of Austin Proposition 1 on November 8, 2016, this memorandum provides information about activities staff will undertake in the next 90 days to launch implementation of the 2016 Mobility Bond Program. With the goal of completing the 2016 Mobility Bond Program in the timeframe desired by Council and to meet voter expectations, City staff is immediately beginning implementation planning for the 2016 Mobility Bond Program as well as performing start-up activities in support of accelerated delivery, as per Resolution No. 20160818-074 (the Resolution).

Early-Out Solicitations

Per the Resolution, the City Manager is directed to begin “coordination, design and engineering activities as soon as possible” for all projects associated with the \$482 million for Corridor Improvement Projects “in order to develop recommendations for a Corridor Construction Program for City Council consideration.” To this end, the City has issued a solicitation for a Corridor Consultant, which will serve as a third-party to assist staff in conducting analysis and other activities to support development of the Corridor Construction Program, as requested by City Council. We expect the contract for the Corridor Consultant to be on one of your Council meetings in February for your consideration.

The City will be engaging the vendor community through vendor sessions to provide information about future opportunities related to the 2016 Mobility Bond Program, City procurement processes, and the process for MBE/WBE certification. Additionally, staff will return to Council for consideration of a rotation list to accelerate the commencement of the preliminary engineering for corridors included in the Bond Proposition.

Mid-Year Budget Amendment Requests

Due to the accelerated implementation timeline for the 2016 Mobility Bond, staff anticipates returning to Council prior to the end of the year for an initial mid-year budget amendment to support staffing resources as part of start-up activities as well as funding for early-out solicitation items such as sidewalks and bikeways for transportation and mobility purposes. Once the City has conducted the necessary implementation planning, staff will return to Council in early 2017 for a second mid-year budget amendment request to fund additional bond implementation, including work in all categories, Regional, Corridor and Local Mobility.

Coordination

Implementation will require extensive internal and external communication as well as partnerships. These coordination and communications efforts between departments as well as between the City and other agencies will begin promptly as part of bond implementation start-up and planning efforts.

Council Communications and Oversight Proposal

Staff will come back to Council in early February 2017 to provide process recommendations for City Council oversight and communications of the 2016 Mobility Bond Program, as per the Resolution. These recommendations will facilitate ongoing Council monitoring through briefings, reports, and other updates. Information provided will also include initial strategies for engaging and informing the public, citizen Boards and Commissions, and other stakeholders throughout bond implementation planning.

If you have questions about Bond Start-Up Activities, please contact Capital Planning Officer Mike Trimble or me. You may also continue to use www.AustinTexas.gov/2016Bond as a resource for program updates.

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