

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	38448	<b>Agenda Number</b>	66.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	12/11/2014	<b>Department:</b>	Public Works
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**Subject**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY for construction services for the Bowie Underpass project in an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000. Related to Item # 65

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of the Economic Development Department.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is attached.

**Purchasing Language:**

**Prior Council Action:**

May 24, 2012 Council approved an ordinance amending Ordinance Nos. 20081211-028 and 20091119-033 to increase the geographic boundaries of the Seaholm Redevelopment Project Tax Increment Financing Zone No. 18 City of Austin and amending the final project and financing plan, board appointments, and term of the zone.

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**Boards and Commission Action:**

**MBE / WBE:**

**Related Items:**

**Additional Backup Information**

This interlocal agreement will provide funds for the UPRR to construct two bridge span replacements on the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) alignment for the Bowie Underpass project. The Bowie Underpass project and Union Pacific Railroad Bridge span replacements will provide safe passage and alternative transportation choices for bicyclists and pedestrians across the barrier formed by the UPRR.

This project represents the primary bicycle and pedestrian link between two residential and commercial developments separated by Lady Bird Lake. Plans have been prepared for replacing the northernmost span of the existing Union Pacific Railroad Lady Bird Lake Bridge, which is located over the newly constructed 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The span will be replaced to accommodate a new ballasted deck required by the Union Pacific Railroad over new roadways.

The design of the pedestrian underpass is approximately 99% complete and the final design will be submitted for final review and permitting in early 2015. The project was previously put on hold pending negotiations with UPRR and a change in available funding. Negotiations with the railroad resulted in the addition of the bridge span replacement and controlled surface crossing west of Lamar Blvd. The bridge span replacement will be constructed first by the UPRR, and the underpass will be advertised, bid, and constructed once the UPRR construction has been completed.

This project is managed by the Public Works Department.