

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 58628 Agenda Number 68.

Meeting Date: 6/23/2016 Department: Transportation

Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to document the State's in-kind participation in Safety Improvement Projects at four intersections: Lamar Boulevard/Parmer Lane, Lamar Boulevard/Rundberg Lane, 183 Service Road/Cameron Road, and IH 35 Service Road/Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. These projects are located in Districts 1, 4, and 7.

Amount and Source of Funding

The total estimated cost for delivering the four projects, including project management, engineering design and construction, is approximately \$1,873,000. Funding in the amount of \$1,300,000 is available from the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 1-time critical General Fund Budget Stabilization, which was allocated by Council. The balance of \$573,000 is available from the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Operating Budget of the Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and	
Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In the 2015-16 fiscal year budget process, City Council approved funding in the amount of \$1,300,000 to improve safety at five intersections within the City of Austin and either partially or fully funded under the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) jurisdiction. This Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) includes the four intersections previously listed. The fifth intersection – Manchaca Road/Slaughter Lane – will be addressed with a separate AFA.

Total estimated costs for the four intersections are as follows:

•	Lamar Boulevard / Parmer Lane	\$711,654
•	Lamar Boulevard / Rundberg Lane	\$ 705,501
•	Hwy 183 Service Road / Cameron Road	\$306,195
•	IH 35 Service Road / Martin Luther King Ir Boulevard	\$149 517

The purpose of this AFA is to document TxDOT's participation in reviewing plans, approving permits, and conducting construction inspection services related to the four safety projects. The Austin Transportation Department has initiated smaller scale improvements at all intersections as part of the overall recommended safety improvements.

Construction is estimated to be completed by December 2016. The City of Austin is fully funding all improvements at the four intersections and is not providing funding to TxDOT.

The safety projects include construction of raised medians, construction of raised right-turn channelized islands, reconstruction/modification of existing medians and right-run channelized islands, revision of lane assignments at intersection(s), re-striping pavement markings, and addition of signage. These improvements will provide safe refuge to pedestrians, reduce dangerous driving behavior, and provide safer mobility options to all modes of transportation.

The projects are located in District 1, 4 and 7.