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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	58810	Agenda Number	49.
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Meeting Date:	6/23/2016	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20150908-002) to appropriate \$1,016,455 for arterial congestion and crash mitigation.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,016,455 is available from the Texas Department of Transportation, monies that represent partial repayment of the Pass-Through Financing Agreement for the construction of fly over ramps at the MoPac/Loop 1 / Ben White Boulevard interchange.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached detailing the appropriation of existing TxDOT reimbursement funds within the Austin Transportation Department's Capital Budget.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No's. 20091119-055, 20091119-056, 20091119-057
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Additional Backup Information

Austin Transportation Department (ATD) will use these funds from our Capital Improvement budget to help pay for the identified top five intersections for improvement. During the Council budget process in August 2015, ATD presented the total estimated cost for safety improvements of the top five intersections to be \$3.3M. Funding was identified from three separate sources which include: \$1.3M from Council under the one time critical fund, \$1.0M from ATD's operating fund and \$1.0M+ to come from the U.S. 290 at Loop 1 Direct Connectors repayment to the City. Following the budget presentations, ATD confirmed with the necessary entities that the repayment funds could be used for safety improvements on state routes. This action will apply those funds to the five intersection projects.

The top five intersections for improvement included:

1. N. Lamar Blvd. and Rundberg Ln.
2. US 183 Frontage Rd. and Cameron Rd.
3. N. Lamar Blvd. and Parmer Ln.
4. IH 35 Service Rd. and MLK Jr. Blvd.
5. Slaughter Ln. and Manchaca Rd.

Background on Pass-Through Financing:

In 2003, Texas House Bill 3588 created the Pass Through Finance Program. The purpose of the program was to accelerate development of state highway projects by stretching limited transportation funding. The program allows public and private entities to develop and fund projects ahead of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) timetable.

On September 24, 2009, the Texas Transportation Commission approved the City of Austin's application to construct two direct connectors at US 290 and Loop 1 (Minute Order # 111977).

The total estimated cost of construction was \$12,717,900. The estimate was based on independent estimates by the City and by TxDOT. TxDOT agreed to fund 80 percent of the construction cost, equal to \$10,164,554, and the City agreed to fund 20 percent, or equal to \$2,553,346. The City agreed to finance the entire \$12,717,900 and TxDOT agreed to pay back to the City an agreed 80 percent of the construction cost over a 10 to 15 year period. The minimum annual reimbursement payment will not be less than \$677,637 per year and not more than \$1,016,455 per year until the State's \$10,164,554 is fully reimbursed to the City. The range of payments is based on an estimate of how many vehicles are using the improved road way each year. TxDOT was able to successfully complete the project at a total cost of \$8,906,921 leaving a surplus total remaining of \$1,257,633 that can be assign to other on-system roadways such as the Top Five Safety intersections. Past and future payments from TxDOT are programmed to pay for the principal and interest financing costs of the interchange.

The amount of \$1,016,455 paid to the City from TxDOT is based on their estimates of the number of vehicles using the roads and is also for reimbursement of expenditures for the construction of this project for the time period of 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015.