

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	63117	<b>Agenda Number</b>	20.
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	11/3/2016	<b>Department:</b>	Economic Development	
<b>Subject</b>				
Approve an ordinance setting the assessment rate and approving a proposed 2017 assessment roll for the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District. Related to Items # 21 and # 56.				
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>				
The 2017 assessment rate of \$0.20/\$100 valuation is estimated to produce \$123,055 at a 75% collection rate.				
<b>Fiscal Note</b>				
A fiscal note is not required.				
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>				
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	October 16, 2014: Council approved Resolution No. 20141016-062 authorizing creation of the South Congress Preservation and Improvement District (PID).			
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<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:</b>				
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>				
<b>Related Items:</b>				

**Additional Backup Information**

The South Congress Preservation and Improvement District (PID) comprises 44 properties lining South Congress Avenue from Nellie Street to Annie Street. The assessment rate is \$.20/\$100 valuation. In 2017 this assessment rate is expected to generate \$123,055 at a 75% collection rate.

This action will approve the proposed South Congress Preservation and Improvement District assessment rate and proposed assessment roll for 2017. State law requires City Council approval of a proposed assessment roll. Approval of the proposed assessment roll is necessary so that notices may be sent to the property owners, giving them an opportunity to review the property valuations prior to the public hearing. All previously approved exemptions and exclusions from assessments are retained in this year's roll. City Council requested that this assessment process be timed so that it coincides with the receipt of other real property tax bills.

A related item sets a public hearing on Thursday, December 1, 2016 to consider the 2017 assessments for the South Congress PID. State law requires a public hearing by City Council to consider the proposed assessments. Each property owner has a right to appear at the hearing. The South Congress Improvement Association (SCIA) submitted a 2017 budget for the PID in the amount of \$103,984. This amount includes \$123,055 in 2017 assessments (at a 75% collection rate), \$4,188 City contribution in-lieu of paying an assessment on City-owned tax exempt property by the City of Austin, \$3,154 interest accrued in the PID account and late payments, along with a reduction of \$26,413 in collections that came in below the 2016 anticipated amount.

Approval of the proposed PID budget and the ordinance adopting an assessment rate and proposed assessment roll are the first steps in the annual process of approving PID assessments.