

Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting: August 30, 2018

Item Number: 063

Public Works

Approve a resolution that adopts a newly updated list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding. Related to item #64.

Lead Department	Public Works Department
Fiscal Note	This item has no fiscal impact
Prior Council Action	June 22, 2001: Capital Metro Transit Authority (Capital Metro) and the City of Austin (the City) entered into an Interlocal Agreement whereby Capital Metro would pay to the City its pro rata share of 25% (Quarter Cent) of its sales tax from the years 2001-2004 to carry out various approved transportation projects.
	April 22, 2010: An Amendment to Interlocal Agreements for Regional Mobility was executed, outlining both payments from Capital Metro to the City and Interagency Project Management Protocol.
	December 11, 2014: Council passed Resolution No. 20141211-127, dedicating \$2 million for infrastructure improvements on Airport Blvd.
	 June 18, 2015: Council passed Resolution No. 20150618-093 directing the City Manager to identify projects for which the remaining funding can be used that address the following purposes (in addition to the criteria outlined in the Interlocal Agreement and Amendment): Transportation safety Improved access to schools New traffic signals Existing infrastructure needs Traffic calming Improved access to transit Other transportation/mobility needs as outlined in the

Quarter Cent Fund Interlocal Agreement
December 17, 2015: Council passed Resolution No. 20151217-076, directing staff to bring back all recommended projects to the full Council for consideration prior to implementation and prescribing a not-to-exceed amount of the funds to be spent in each Council District.
January 28, 2016: Council passed Resolution No. 20160128-050, which adopted the recommended list of projects in each district. This approval triggered Capital Metro's 45 day approval process, as outlined in the Interlocal Agreement.
April 6, 2016: Capital Metro approved all projects as per the 45 day approval process, and projects were assigned to City staff for project delivery.
June 28, 2018: City Council passed Resolution No. 20180628-031 as amended, authorizing negotiation and execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement to allow Capital Metro to use the \$6M in remaining/not-assigned funds for Project Connect, contingent on the City of Austin identifying and securing a replacement funding source to complete the funding in each Council District per Council Resolution No. 20151217-076 and directing the City Manager to continue to bring to Council for approval changes to the January 2016 project list.
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Additional Backup Information:

This item is to approve the addition of new projects and removal of cancelled projects to the Quarter Cent Project List, and adopt an updated Quarter Cent Project List.

In January of 2016, Council passed Resolution No. 20160128-050, which adopted a list of projects approved for Quarter Cent funding (the "2016 Quarter Cent Project List").

Many of those projects are now complete. For other projects, City staff from both the Public Works Department and Austin Transportation Department have been coordinating with the Mayor and respective Council Offices regarding feasibility studies and the delivery of projects. Many of the projects have since been cancelled and need to be removed from the list. A list of

cancelled projects is included as Exhibit B.

To continue implementing Quarter Cent Funded projects, we have worked with Council Offices to begin identifying replacement projects. **Exhibit A**is a list of new, district-specific projects that staff recommends Council approve for funding with Quarter Cent funds. Most of the projects on this list already meet the criteria identified in the Interlocal Agreement with Capital Metro and address the purposes outlined in Council's June 2015 Resolution (20150618-093). Additionally, most of the projects have already been coordinated with staff for feasibility and cost estimates, unless otherwise noted.

If this item is approved by Council, **Exhibit C**will replace the "2016 Quarter Cent Project List" and includes projects that are completed, ongoing, on hold or proposed to be added by this action (Exhibit A).

Finally, this resolution clarifies that this action does not change the funding amount dispersed to each Council Office and the Mayor. As directed by Resolution 20151217-076, each Council Office's Quarter Cent Fund will total no more than \$1.9 million, and the Mayor's will not exceed \$2.8 million. The remaining balance from projects listed in Exhibit B (cancelled) and any cost savings realized from completed projects shall be the funding used to complete the Quarter Cent Program for each District and the Mayor.

Staff will continue to work with the Mayor and each Council Office to identify new projects that meet the required criteria and address the purposes outlined for Quarter Cent funding. Staff will be presenting these projects in subsequent meetings for approval by the full Council. The goal is to appropriate all remaining Quarter Cent funds to eligible projects no later than April 2020.