Posting Language
Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the design and construction of transportation and mobility improvements on William Cannon Drive from Running Water Drive to McKinney Falls Parkway to provide increased connectivity and capacity within the roadway network; amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to accept funds from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of $11,750,000; and amending the Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to transfer in and appropriate $11,750,000 for design and construction of this project.

Lead Department
Corridor Program Office

Fiscal Note
Fiscal notes are attached.

Prior Council Action:
December 17, 2017 - Council passed Resolution No. 20171214-056 which authorized the submittal of a list of potential transportation projects for the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2019-2022 Call for Projects on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Troxclair off the dais.

August 18, 2016 - Council passed Resolution No. 20160818-074, which included information on the projects to be included in the Mobility Bond on a 7-1 vote with Council Member Houston voting nay, Council Members Garza, Troxclair, and Zimmerman abstaining.

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Additional Backup Information:
The purpose of this item before Council is to authorize negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement and to accept and appropriate funds to complete design and construction of William Cannon Drive from Running Water Drive to McKinney Falls Parkway. This project will convert the existing two-lane roadway in this section to a four-lane divided roadway, with the option to expand to six lanes in the future. Multi-modal improvements include pedestrian and bicycle facilities and a planted landscape area between Running Water and McKinney Falls Parkway. Planned improvements at the intersection of Slaughter Lane and McKinney Falls Parkway include new signals, turn lanes, pedestrian crossings, and safety lighting.

This project reflects recommendations coming out of the William Cannon Drive Corridor Mobility Plan and is part of the adopted Corridor Construction Program. CAMPO funds are further facilitating design and construction of the scoped improvements.

This project adds capacity to William Cannon Drive, which is a primary activity corridor in south Austin, connecting people to homes, jobs, schools, services, restaurants and shops. In recent years, more residential
and commercial development along the roadway has contributed to additional traffic and safety and mobility concerns. This project connects to Travis County’s current project that extends William Cannon Drive from McKinney Falls Parkway to US Hwy 183, creating a new east-west connection in south Austin.

CAMPO has awarded the project federal funding under the Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility program in an amount up to $11,750,000. The City is providing a local match funded by the 2016 Mobility Bond in the amount of up to $9,614,000. Final grant and local match funding amounts are dependent upon actual costs of implementation of this project.

Project design and construction is managed by the Corridor Program Office.