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Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1999, Agenda Item #: 65.

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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 an extension of Braker Lane from Samsung Boulevard to Dawes Place to provide 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 \$11,240,000; and amending the Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget to transfer in and appropriate 11,240,000 for design and construction of this project.

Lead Department

Austin Transportation Department

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is 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.

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Additional Backup Information:

The extension of Braker Lane includes preliminary engineering, design and construction of a 4-lane curb & gutter arterial with storm water infrastructure extending east from Dawes Place to Samsung Blvd. The Braker Lane extension will accommodate all roadway users, including cyclists and pedestrians, by providing protected bicycle facilities, sidewalks, and 4 travel lanes divided by a raised median.

The project is one of the remaining roadway projects being pursued by the City of Austin that was identified in the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan, which was the Metropolitan Planning Organization Regional Transportation Plan adopted in 1995. The extension of this roadway will provide additional connectivity to an area with limited east-west roadways and provide relief from a network of old substandard rural streets. Additionally, it will provide access to a major employer (Samsung), Pioneer Crossing Elementary, and support an area experiencing significant development activity.

CAMPO has awarded the project federal funding under the Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Mobility program in an amount up to \$11,240,000. The City's local match in the amount of up to \$3,900,000 is available FY 2018-2019 Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget. In addition, Austin Water is providing funding of \$2,260,000 for relocation and new utilities. Final grant and local match funding amounts are dependent upon actual costs of implementation of this project. Project design and implementation is



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managed by the Austin Transportation Department.