



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2836, **Agenda Item #:** 5.

9/3/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple or acquire other real property interest in properties throughout the City that are necessary to construct mobility improvements for the Corridor Construction Program in a total amount not to exceed \$23,000,000 establishing acquisition and relocation guidelines, and waiving requirements of City Code Chapter 14-3 (*Relocation Benefits*).

Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the FY 2020-21 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Prior Council Action:

April 26, 2019 - Council passed a motion on consent on an 11-0 vote authorizing the City Manager to begin further design and implementation of transportation and mobility improvements on nine transportation corridors.

April 26, 2018 - Council passed Resolution No. 20180426-028 which adopted the Corridor Construction Program as amended on 9-0 vote with Council Member Garza off the dais and Council Member Troxclair absent.

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.

August 18, 2016 - Council passed Ordinance No. 20160818-023, which ordered a special election for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for transportation and mobility on a 7-1 vote with Council Member Houston voted nay, Council Members Garza, Troxclair, and Zimmerman abstaining.

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Additional Backup Information:

On November 8, 2016, Austin voters authorized the City to issue \$720,000,000 in Transportation and Mobility General Obligation bonds. Those bonds include \$482,000,000 for corridor improvement projects. Based on Ordinance No. 20160818-023, which established the bond proposition language and authorized the bond election, funding from the 2016 Mobility Bond is intended for implementation of Corridor Mobility Plan recommendations as well as preliminary engineering and design on additional corridors and critical arterials. Resolution No. 20160818-074, approved by Council contemporaneously with the ordinance authorizing the bond election, the Contract with the Voters, directed the City Manager to bring forth recommendations supported by identifiable metrics for implementation of a Corridor Construction Program.

From November 2016 to January 2018, the Corridor Program Office led an implementation planning and prioritization process with representatives from multiple City departments, Capital Metro, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). This work led to the creation of an estimated \$1,400,000,000 proposed Corridor Construction Program that prioritized improvements to meet the mobility and community outcomes outlined in the 2016 Bond Council resolution.

The Corridor Construction Program includes design and implementation of corridor-wide mobility improvements for all nine corridors as well as for other enhanced multimodal improvements using 2016 Mobility Bond funding. Furthermore, the Corridor Construction Program will initiate design and possible construction for enhanced multimodal improvements using 2016 Mobility Bond funding, with the remaining investment packages to be implemented by seeking additional funding opportunities and implementing design standards.

On April 26, 2018, Council reviewed and adopted the Corridor Construction Program with Resolution No. 20180426-028 that also directed staff to return to Council with an update on Corridor Construction Program development prior to proceeding with the next phases of design and implementation. Accordingly, staff conducted preliminary engineering phase activities which included seeking additional leveraging and partnership opportunities as well as coordination with partner departments and agencies such as TxDOT and Capital Metro, consistent with the April 26, 2018, Council resolution.

In accordance with Resolution No. 20180426-028, the City Manager, through the Corridor Program Office, returned to Council on April 25, 2019 and received approval to proceed with further design and implementation consistent with Resolution No. 20160818-074 and Resolution No. 20180426-028 as outlined in the Corridor Construction Program.

Design plans for these Corridor Construction Program corridors have sufficiently advanced such that real estate acquisition efforts can now be initiated. The City will acquire partial takings of real property interests (fee simple and easement interests) under the guidelines of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act. These acquisitions will utilize previously approved 2016 Mobility Bond funds. Authorization to acquire real estate interests through condemnation proceedings is not included in this request.

These acquisitions will take place on nine Corridor Construction Program corridors, which are:

Airport Boulevard (North Lamar Boulevard to US 183)
Burnet Road (Koenig Lane to MoPac)
East Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard/FM 969 (US 183 to Decker Lane)
Guadalupe Street (Guadalupe Street from 18th Street to West 29th Street, 24th Street from Guadalupe Street to North Lamar Boulevard, and Nueces Street from 24th Street to Guadalupe Street)
East Riverside Drive (IH 35 to SH 71)
North Lamar Boulevard (US 183 to Howard Lane)
Slaughter Lane (FM 1826 to Vertex Boulevard)
South Lamar Boulevard (Riverside Drive to US 290)
William Cannon Drive (Southwest Parkway to McKinney Falls Parkway)

For the specific locations of all properties related to this request, please see Attachment A - Corridor Construction Program Acquisition Maps.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility; Safety.