

CAPITAL BUDGET

FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

4/21/22

CONTACT DEPARTMENT:

Austin Transportation

Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of an amendment to an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Lakeline Boulevard expansion project for a total estimated contract amount of \$580,500 plus all cost overruns associated with the project; and amending Ordinance No. 20190808 to modify the redefinition the Parmer Lane Corridor.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT

Department:	Austin Transportation
Project Name:	Lakeline Boulevard Expansion
Project Authorization:	2021-2022 Capital Budget
Funding Source(s):	2016 Mobility Bond
CIP FDU:	8119 2507 NEW
Unencumbered Balance	\$580,500
This Action	\$580,500
Estimated Available	\$0

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) is requesting authorization to reallocate 2016 Mobility Bond funds from the former FM 734/Parmer Lane (Parmer Lane) project towards a redefined Parmer Lane project including the expansion of Lakeline Boulevard between Parmer Lane and Lyndhurst Boulevard. ATD is also requesting authorization to negotiate and execute an amendment to the existing Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Lakeline project due to the change in scope from design and construction to design phase only.

The Parmer Lane project was a Regional Mobility Project within the City of Austin's 2016 Mobility Bond, located in northwest Austin's District 6. The 4.3-mile project limits were defined from SH 45 north to FM 1431 (Whitestone Boulevard) in Cedar Park, though only the 2-mile section from SH 45 to Brushy Creek is within the City of Austin limits. The City intended to use the 2016 Mobility Bond funds to contribute a fixed amount of \$17 million towards the construction of the project. TxDOT was responsible for performing the on-system work and any construction overruns.

In November 2020 TxDOT's Austin District suspended design efforts for the FM 734/Parmer Lane project. Concurrently, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CAMPO) Transportation Policy Board initiated a Regional Corridor Improvements study for FM 734/Parmer Lane from RM 2243 in Leander to SH 130, a total length of 22.5 miles. As a result of the design efforts being indefinitely suspended and CAMPO's decision to move forward with a comprehensive corridor study for FM 734/Parmer Lane, the city will be unable to spend its \$17million contribution on the original Parmer Lane project within the specified 8-year timeframe of the 2016 Mobility Bond (by 2024).

The Lakeline Boulevard Expansion project is also located in District 6 and completes the cross-section of Lakeline Boulevard between Parmer Lane and Lyndhurst Boulevard. The current configuration of Lakeline Boulevard is a two-lane undivided roadway with sidewalks on one side of the road and no bicycle facilities. The proposed project will complete the other half with a 4-lane divided by a raised median with turn lanes and multimodal facilities that meet the City of Austin design standards. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are proposed on both sides of the roadway to increase safety and improve the current configuration. The roadway also provides a critical connection to an existing transit facility (Lakeline Station). The expansion of Lakeline Boulevard is one of the remaining roadway projects identified in the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan as an expansion project in the MPO's Organization Regional Transportation Plan adopted in 1995.

The reallocation of these funds will fully fund the Lakeline Boulevard expansion project with construction dollars. Based on the current schedule, ATD staff anticipates the Lakeline project can be ready for construction in late 2024. ATD has an existing design contract and is prepared to initiate the detailed engineering design phase immediately, should this request be approved.