



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0407, Agenda Item #: 29.

4/10/2025

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Highway Safety Improvement Program traffic signal project at the South First Street and Ralph Ablanedo Drive intersection for a total estimated project cost of \$933,649, with the City's share of the costs estimated to be \$292,604 plus any cost overruns. Funding: \$292,604 is available in the Capital Budget of the Transportation and Public Works Department, from the Vision Zero 2020 Bond and Signal Safety.

Lead Department

Transportation and Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$292,604 is available in Transportation and Public Works' Capital Budget from the Vision Zero 2020 Bond and Signal Safety. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a federally funded program, administered by States, to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads through the implementation of infrastructure-related highway safety improvements. Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) staff worked with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) District Offices to identify potential Austin safety projects for this program. Analysis of the 3-year crash history at the South First Street/Ralph Ablanedo Drive intersection revealed that installation of traffic signal could improve safety. Additionally, the intersection had been previously included on an unfunded signal priority list within TPW.

The project was awarded with \$596,263 of federal funds for construction, which account for 100% of the estimated total construction amount. The state will contribute \$44,783 towards indirect state costs. The city is responsible to cover all other non-construction aspects of the work and construction cost overruns. Funding for all non-construction aspects of the projects is available from the 2020 Bond-Vision Zero and Signal Safety funds. This funding will enable implementation of these needed traffic controls to improve safety, as well as mobility.

TxDOT will bid and construct project, while TPW, will handle utilities, design and engineering services, and any needed environmental review. Construction is anticipated in late 2027.

This project is located within zip codes 78744.