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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Capital Projects

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DATE: December 12, 2017

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an Inter-Local Agreement with the University of North Texas (UNT) for the purpose of providing for partial cost (up to $112,350) and duty allocation of a traffic study with a total cost of $224,700, to be conducted to assess the impact of street closures within the UNT campus.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The UNT campus has been an integral part of the City of Denton for a long time. In 2013 UNT prepared a Campus Master Plan which envisioned the campus core as a pedestrian and bicycle friendly area. Subsequently, in 2015 UNT developed its Transportation Master Plan that outlined the implementation of the overall vision for the campus. As part of the Transportation Master Plan, UNT is interested in closing (partially or fully) certain portions of City street segments that traverse through the campus.

In order to improve communication and better coordinate projects, City and UNT staff have conducted a series of monthly meetings since May 2017. During these meetings, the proposed street closures were discussed and it was agreed by staff on either side, that a traffic impact analysis was required to assess the implications of street closures within and around the UNT campus. Understanding the impacts associated with the proposed street closures and developing a plan to address deficiencies in the circulation system has long term benefits for UNT campus as well as the City. As such, UNT and City agreed on splitting the total cost for conducting this impact analysis. An Inter-Local Agreement for sharing this cost was prepared and reviewed by UNT and City staff (legal). Staff recommends approval of the attached agreement (Exhibit 1) as it would help fund the traffic study which will identify existing and future improvements triggered due to the closure of street segments within the UNT campus.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the Inter-Local Agreement with UNT for providing partial funding for conducting a Traffic Study.
2. Reject the Inter-Local Agreement with UNT for providing partial funding for conducting a Traffic Study.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Inter-Local Agreement with the University of North Texas (UNT) for the purpose of providing for partial cost (up to $112,350) and duty allocation of a traffic study with a total cost of $224,700, to be conducted to assess the impact of street closures within the UNT campus.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The City's portion of the total cost will be funded from savings related to installation of new traffic signals along FM 2181 (Teasley Lane). These new signals were originally not funded by TxDOT/County of Denton as part of the widening project along FM 2181 (Teasley Lane). As such, staff requested and received funding as part of supplemental funding request for fiscal year 17-18.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: **Public Infrastructure**
Related Goal: **2.2 Enhance connectivity and seek solutions to improve mobility**

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: Inter-Local Agreement with UNT for providing partial funding for conducting a Traffic Study
Exhibit 2: Ordinance

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