TO: Mayor via City Secretary

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT: Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the design-build of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) along multiple corridors within the City of Houston.		Category #	Page 1 of <u>1</u>	Agenda Item #
FROM (Traffic Operations):	Origination Date Agenda Date		Date	
Department of Public Works and Engineering				
Director Dale A. Rudick, P.E., Director	Council District affected: All			
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RECOMMENDATION: (Summary) Adopt an Ordinance approving and authorizing an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Houston and FHWA.				
Amount and Source of Funding: None				

PROJECT NOTICE/JUSTIFICATION:

The City of Houston was awarded a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER 2014) Grant to deploy Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) within the City of Houston. TIGER is a supplementary discretionary grant program included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 administered by the FHWA.

The City of Houston was awarded \$10 million to deploy ITS infrastructure to monitor and manage arterial traffic in real-time. The system will:

- Allow traffic management staff to detect and respond to congestion and incidents in real-time;
- Provide real-time traveler information to the public and partner agencies for analysis and planning;
- Reduce travel delay and emissions.
- Improve capacity, accessibility, and travel time reliability;
- Enable traffic management staff to optimize signal operations by customizing timing plans for varying traffic demands;
- Allow maintenance staff to identify, assess, and respond quicker to equipment failures.

The total project cost is \$25,782,774. Approval of this funding agreement will allow the City to be reimbursed \$10,000,000 of the project cost. Reimbursement will be through monthly billing as construction costs are incurred. The City will be responsible for the remaining project costs of \$15,782,774 which are programmed in the CIP.

This ordinance will allow the City to enter into an agreement with the Federal Highway Administration to accept the \$10,000,000 in funding. A design-build best value contract is being selected through an RFQ/RFP process. Once the selection of a provider is made, a contract will be brought forward to Council for approval.

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