Thursday, August 23, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 18

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and the CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY for development and funding of the extensions of Rundberg Lane and Saunders Lane.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission.

Prior Council Action: Interlocal Agreement with Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority approved by Council August 31, 2006.

The extension of Rundberg Lane from Metric Boulevard to Burnet Road as a four-lane divided highway will provide an important connection in Austin's roadway system. The extension of Saunders Lane to the proposed Rundberg Lane extension will provide additional access to Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (CMTA) North Operations and Maintenance Facility and increase connectivity in the area. The Transportation Division of the Public Works Department and CMTA are jointly funding this project in order to facilitate and expedite acquisition of right-of-way, engineering design and construction. The City of Austin will contribute up to \$6,640,000 of the project costs and CMTA will contribute up to \$1,600,000 of the project costs as defined in the executed Interlocal Agreement.

This amendment confers responsibility for acquisition of two additional parcels of right-of-way to the City of Austin Public Works Department. Responsibility for funding the acquisition of these two parcels remains with CMTA. This amendment will expedite acquisition of the parcels and allow the project to move forward in a timely manner.