

AGENDA



Thursday, October 11, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 27

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CMTA) for the City to construct and maintain a bike and pedestrian trail in CMTA's rail right-of-way from Daffan Lane to the City of Manor.

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Prior Council Action: 10/05/2006 Council authorized an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$2,040,000 for the design and construction of the trail.

The Daffan Lane to City of Manor trail will be a 4 1/2 mile off-street concrete path constructed in CMTA's railroad right-of-way. The trail will provide connections to the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department's Walnut Creek Trail, Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park, Texas State Highway 130 and the City of Manor. The \$2,040,000 in total funding will be utilized for a preliminary engineering and environmental study for the entire 4 1/2 miles and for the construction of some portion of trail. The funding is 80% TxDOT grant funding and 20% City 2000 Bond funds. The remainder of the trail will be constructed as funding becomes available. CMTA's long range plans call for this rail line to become part of a commuter rail system that will incorporate the bike and pedestrian trail.

The interlocal agreement will allow the City of Austin to construct and to maintain the trail in the CMTA right of way. The agreement will specify the obligations and responsibilities of each entity. The City of Austin will be responsible for maintaining and mowing around the trail. Negotiations are underway with Capital Metro regarding the acquisition of sufficient rights in the railroad right-of-way to comply with the requirements of the Advance Funding Agreement.