Subject: Authorize payment of the City's annual membership dues in the Austin-San Antonio Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District, in an amount not to exceed $49,500.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

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This action will authorize payment of annual membership dues to the Austin-San Antonio Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, in the amount of $49,500.

The Austin San Antonio-Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District was created in 2002 by the 77th Legislature with the focus on linking Austin and San Antonio via passenger rail. The District was initially comprised of four local governments: Austin, Travis County, San Antonio and Bexar County, but since its creation, other cities and counties along the corridor have joined the District. The District works with communities along the corridor to determine the feasibility of commuter passenger rail service within the existing Union-Pacific rail corridor that parallels IH-35 between Georgetown and San Antonio. Member organizations are required to pay annual dues.

Council Member Cole is the City of Austin's representative on the District's Board.