

AGENDA



Thursday, February 17, 2011

**Transportation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 44**

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement to partner with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CMTA) for an update to the Regional Travel Demand Model and the Regional Transit System Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$500,000 is available in the 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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This Interlocal Agreement is to partner with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CMTA) on two interrelated efforts. These efforts affect the operational efficiency of Austin's transportation network.

One is a Regional Transit System Plan Update to identify measures by which the region can effectively integrate the implementation of various elements of the CAMPO 2035 Plan, Regional Rail Transit System. Elements of the current Regional Rail Transit System include: the City of Austin's proposed Urban Rail, CMTA's Red Line and Green Line, Lone Star Rail District's LSTAR Regional Rail line, and the Georgetown-Round Rock "T". The outcome of this regional update will be better coordinated investments for transit in the long term which will be presented to the City of Austin, Capital Metro and CAMPO boards in early 2012.

The second effort is to help fund in partnership with CMTA a critical update to CAMPO's regional Travel Demand Model (TDM) in order to bring it into compliance with Federal requirements. Compliance of the TDM is necessary for both the City and CMTA to participate in various federal grants programs. The TDM is routinely used to plan and develop traffic designs by the City of Austin to improve the efficiency of the network.

This Interlocal Agreement is a companion agreement to the one previously created between the City of Austin and the Lone Star Rail District, authorized by Council on May 13, 2010. Together, these two agreements contemplate a 3-way interagency effort to coordinate rail planning in the Central Texas region.