

AGENDA



Thursday, March 10, 2011

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 16**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Austin regarding construction of bus stops and associated Americans with Disabilities Act pedestrian improvements throughout the City of Austin; accepting funds of \$1,800,000 from Capital Metro; and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Public Works Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20100913-003) to appropriate \$1,800,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,800,000 will be provided by Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Mike Curtis, 974-7056; Mark Cole, 974-7019; Susan Garnett, 974-7064.

Boards and Commission Action: Approved by the Capital Metro Board on January 26, 2010.

There are approximately 2,900 bus stops on Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Capital Metro) Fixed Route Bus Transportation System (FRS). Improvements are needed at some bus stops to improve accessibility and achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The City proposes to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Capital Metro to authorize the City to manage and construct the bus stop accessibility improvements and receive monthly reimbursement from Capital Metro. Capital Metro will provide up to \$1,800,000 for work performed under this agreement. Capital Metro will reimburse the City for construction costs as well as engineering design, project management, and other "soft" costs, up to 25% of the construction cost.

The City will perform the work under an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract and bill Capital Metro monthly for reimbursement. If reimbursement is not received within 15 days from the date the invoice is received by Capital Metro, the City will complete any improvements currently under construction, but will not start work on new projects. Staff from the Neighborhood Connectivity Division (NCD) of Public Works will monitor the monthly payments from Capital Metro to ensure payments are received promptly. If payment is not received promptly, NCD staff will immediately notify Public Works Financial Services staff and Capital Metro. The bus stop improvements are estimated to range from \$3,000 to \$20,000 each, with an average cost of \$8,000. The City plans to phase the work such that no more than \$150,000 of work is performed per month. This approach will allow the City to undertake these important improvements while limiting the risk associated with the reimbursement process.