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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	11170	Agenda Number	70.
Meeting Date:	12/8/2011		Department:	Transportation	
Subject					
Authorize the negotiation and execution of an amendment extending the Interlocal Agreement with LONE STAR RAIL DISTRICT until December 8, 2012 regarding the coordination and sharing of staff and resources necessary for the ongoing Project Connect and other regional rail and mobility efforts.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Parking Management Fund to fund transportation related projects.					
Fiscal Note					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	On May 13, 2010, Item 26, Council approved an Interlocal Agreement with LSRD District to share staff and consultant resources toward the research, analysis, and presentation of planning and funding information necessary to the development of an Urban Rail Circulator and the LSTAR Passenger Rail Service.				
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Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:	Item 11198				
Additional Backup Information					
<p>The 2010 City relationship with The Lone Star Rail District (LSRD) has been expanded to include the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CMTA). This group is developing Project Connect and supporting the CAMPO Transit Working Group. The original May 2010 ILA did not anticipate the time required to complete the needed process, and the additional outreach that was to be identified to educate and inform the public and the decision makers. These efforts should lead to an update of the regional high capacity transit plan. The discussion of the regional system development must move forward in step with an investigation of ways to pay for capital, operations and maintenance costs.</p> <p>It is increasingly imperative to the success of these rail initiatives that the City amends the Interlocal Agreement with The Lone Star Rail District to be able to continue to coordinate and/or align the efforts of the involved organizations to develop rail lines that function as an integrated system that also creates new opportunities for community economic development and social benefits.</p>					