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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	11198	Agenda Number	71.
Meeting Date:	12/8/2011		Department:	Transportation	
Subject					
Approve an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Austin Transportation Department Parking Management Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) to transfer out \$200,000, and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20110912-006) to transfer in and appropriate \$200,000 from the Parking Management Fund Operating Budget for the Lone Star Rail District Interlocal Agreement.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Parking Management Fund to fund transportation related projects.					
Fiscal Note					
Fiscal notes are attached.					
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 ID # 11170				

Additional Backup Information

The 2010 City relationship with The Lone Star Rail District has been expanded to include the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. This group is developing Project Connect and supporting the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transit Working Group. The original May 2010 Interlocal Agreement did not anticipate the time required to complete the needed process, and the additional outreach needed 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.

It is increasingly imperative to the success of these rail initiatives that the City amend the Interlocal Agreement with The Lone Star Rail District to be able to continue to coordinate and 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.