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AGENDA

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	16704	Agenda Number	58.

Meeting Date:	8/2/2012	Department:	Transportation

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to an existing Interlocal Agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority to continue the Regional Transit System Plan, known as "Project Connect", and increase the funding by $250,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of $750,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	February 17, 2011, Item 44, Council authorized negotiation and execution of the original Interlocal Agreement with CMTA.
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Additional Backup Information

This amended Interlocal Agreement (ILA) will increase the existing agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CMTA) from $500,000 to $750,000.

Project Connect is a partnership between Central Texas transportation agencies aimed at implementing the high-capacity transit components of the CAMPO 2035 Plan and preparing for the 2040 Plan update. Project Connect's purpose is to build regional consensus on high-capacity transit and answer fundamental questions about what the system should look like, how our region should organize to develop and operate the system, and how should we pay for the system over the long term. Project Connect includes planning and technical work, public involvement, and support for the CAMPO Transit Working Group subcommittee.

Project Connect has thus far been an intensive 7 month effort that has achieved early consensus on mobility-related challenges the region faces and the general role for high-capacity transit. To date, a high-capacity transit system plan vision has been recommended, a phasing and funding plan is under development, and 11 public open houses have

been held, as well as 17 Transit Working Group (TWG) subcommittee meetings. In order to continue moving towards delivering a comprehensive high-capacity system plan for the region, this amendment will extend the effort through the end of the calendar year with frequent staff work sessions, and approximately 4 additional monthly TWG meetings from September to December which will cumulatively produce a plan to be adopted in the CAMPO 2040 Plan update.

This project is managed by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Austin Transportation Department.