

CIP BUDGET EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

1/31/13
Austin Transportation

SUBJECT: Authorize the execution of an amendment extending the interlocal agreement with the LONE STAR RAIL DISTRICT until December 31, 2014 and increasing the authorization requested by \$200,000 for a total agreement in an amount not to exceed \$550,000 for Project Connect and other regional rail and mobility efforts.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Project Name:	Urban Rail
Project Authorization:	2012-2013 Capital Budget
Funding Source:	Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority
Fund/Dept/Unit:	8580 6207 6214

Current Budget	1,000,000
Unencumbered Balance	417,386
This Action	<u>(200,000)</u>
Estimated Available	<u>217,386</u>

Total Amount of this Action	<u><u>200,000.00</u></u>
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ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: At the May 13, 2010 City Council meeting, Item 26, Council approved an Interlocal Agreement with LSRD to share staff and consultant resources toward research, analysis, and presentation of planning and funding information necessary to the development of an Urban Rail Circulator and the LSTAR Passenger Rail Service.

At the December 8, 2011 City Council meeting, Items 70 and 71, Council approved amending the Interlocal Agreement with LSRD for an extension and increased coordination and sharing of staff and resources necessary for the ongoing Project Connect and other regional rail and mobility efforts.

This amended Interlocal Agreement (ILA) will extend the existing agreement with the Lone Star Rail District (LSRD) until December 31, 2014 and increase the total assistance requested by either party from \$350,000 to \$550,000.

The City and LSRD continue to partner with Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority in developing and finalizing Project Connect's regional system plan and supporting the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Transit Working Group. The original May 2010 ILA did not anticipate the time required to complete the needed process leading to an update of the regional high capacity transit plan for the CAMPO 2040 Plan. The partnership continues to work to implement the high-capacity transit components of the CAMPO 2035 Plan. The amended ILA will allow the City and LSRD continuous coordination and sharing of staff and resources for continued planning and technical work to implement the regional rail and mobility efforts.

It is increasingly imperative to the success of these rail initiatives that the City amend the Interlocal Agreement with LSRD to be able to continue to coordinate and align 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.

This project is managed by the Public Works Department.