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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	23650	Agenda Number	29.
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Meeting Date:	4/11/2013	Department:	Transportation
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## Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and Lone Star Rail District for coordinated planning and development of rail services in Central Texas.

## Amount and Source of Funding

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

Following more than a decade of regional transit planning, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) established a Transit Working Group (TWG) to consider the project elements within the CAMPO 2035 Regional Plan. In 2011, the City, Capital Metro, and Lone Star Rail District, in support of the Transit Working Group effort, established the "Project Connect" collaborative for implementation of the design, organization and funding of a high capacity regional transit system. The TWG adopted a Regional Transit Vision in June 2012, setting the stage for a more formal unified approach to the management and oversight of future regional rail investments.

Formal adoption of an Interlocal Agreement to be entitled a "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) to create such a formal unified approach will meet a key recommendation delivered to Austin leaders by an American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Peer Review team in early 2013. The Peer Review process is well-established as a valuable resource to the public transit industry, where highly experienced and respected transit and subject matter professionals provide their time and support to assist transit agencies.

The MOU will create the structure to provide integrated oversight to planning, capital and/or operations programs.

The intent of this Interlocal will be to ensure the individual system components of the regional high capacity transit system are planned, developed, operated and maintained as an integrated system. The Chief Executive Officer and senior management of each of the Agencies have indicated support for the provisions of this Interlocal so long as it continues to meet the joint interests and needs of the agencies they represent. The initial term of this Interlocal shall commence upon its execution by the Agencies' Chief Executive Officers and shall terminate on December 31, 2014. The term of the Statement may be extended from year to year with the mutual agreement of the Agencies Chief Executive Officers.