

## AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 13, 2018

Item Number: 106

## Public Works

Approve an ordinance waiving or reimbursing fees for right-of-way, encroachments, easements, or licenses, and permit deposits in an amount not to exceed \$14,021,548.45 related to the Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority Downtown Station, generally located on 4th Street from Trinity Street to IH-35. (Related to item #103).

District(s) Affected: District 9

<b>Lead Department</b>	Public Works
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Estimated fees waived or reimbursed in the amount of \$1,057,586.45 and appraised land value costs of \$12,963,962.00 for a total not to exceed \$14,030,083.85.
<b>Prior Council Action</b>	<p>April 20, 2017 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20170420-026 authorizing the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro).</p> <p>May 4, 2017 Council approved Ordinance No. 20170504-027 authorizing the conversion of East 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Brazos and IH 35 from one way eastbound to two eastbound lanes and one westbound lane in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.</p> <p>May 4, 2017 - Council approved authorization to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.</p>
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<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action</b>	<p>May 10, 2016 Urban Transportation Commission Recommendation Number 20160510-03D</p> <p>December 4, 2017 Pedestrian Advisory Council Recommendation Number 20171204-04D: Capital Metro Downtown Station Design.</p>
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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This action asks City Council to approve the waiver or reimbursement of City of Austin fees and permit deposits for the Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority (Capital Metro) Downtown Metrorail Station per the June 22, 2017 Interlocal Agreement (ILA). The ILA requires Capital Metro to prepare a ledger documenting the estimated value of the Downtown Station project and the City to prepare an itemization of fees and permit deposits to be waived by the City. The City's fees to be waived and reimbursements are estimated at \$1,057,586.45 and the appraised land values are \$12,963,962.00. Capital Metro's Downtown Station and the associated public infrastructure improvements in the right-of-way are estimated at \$44,500,000.00. The ledger is an estimate specifically for the Downtown Station project. The City recognizes that the construction of a permanent rail station serves the interest of the citizens of Austin and the Greater Region by increasing access to public transportation, reducing congestion, increasing public safety, and providing for a public gathering space and other amenities including a single occupancy public restroom. A public restroom shall be constructed as a future project by the City. Capital Metro will contribute \$112,000 towards the installation of the public restroom near Brush Square, which shall be owned and operated by the City.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has recognized the importance of building a permanent downtown rail station and expanding the rail station to increase the frequency of service to downtown Austin. TxDOT awarded a \$50 million grant to Capital Metro for the design and construction of a permanent rail station and for the purchase of four rail vehicles to expand capacity and increase the frequency of MetroRail services. The new station will include three tracks, two platforms, and space to accommodate up to five trains, plus ticketing amenities, custom canopies, decorative paving, and aesthetic features that blend with the surrounding context. The project will also include new public plaza space that will be managed and maintained by the City.

During the design and development of the project, Capital Metro has coordinated extensively with numerous City departments and has included a robust community and stakeholder outreach program. Capital Metro held nine open house events, most recently on February 21, 2018 for the Downtown MetroRail Station.

The growing population and increased public transportation needs require a permanent, larger, safer and improved rail station. The rail project is consistent with and supports the findings of the City's recent Mobility Talks Public Engagement initiative, the City's Vision Zero plan, and the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

The Interlocal Agreement references the importance of the construction of a permanent rail station in Downtown Austin and the need to begin construction in early 2019. The construction start date is dependent on waiver of fees for encroachment, easements or licenses, right of way fees and permit deposits.

This project is located within zip code 78701. (District 9).

**Estimate of Fees and Amounts Waived:**

\$27,058.36	Paid Fees to be Refunded to Capital Metro
\$105,832.28	Site Development Fees
\$407,976.40	Right of Way Fees
\$489,384.01	Construction Inspection Fees
\$11,720,336.00	Encroachment Permit - appraised land value
\$26,600.00	Appraisal Cost
\$1,243,626.00	Easements - appraised land value
\$735.40	Encroachment Mailing and Recording Fees
\$14,021,548.45	Total Estimated Fees Waived