

# AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Thursday, December 14, 2006

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## Neighborhood Planning & Zoning RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No 13

**Subject** Approve an amendment to the professional services agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas, Inc , Austin, TX, for professional planning services for Transit-Oriented District Station Area Planning, in the amount of \$130,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$580,000

**Amount and Source of Funding** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department

**Fiscal Note** Fiscal Note is attached

**For More Information** George Adams, 974-2146, Sylvia Arzola, 974-6448

**Boards and Commission Action** Recommended by Land Use and Transportation Subcommittee

**Prior Council Action** 5/25/06 - Council approved a professional services agreement for professional planning services for Transit-Oriented District Station Area Planning in the amount of \$450,000 5/19/05 - Council approved an ordinance establishing Transit Oriented Development districts, and adopted zoning and other regulations applicable in those districts, and directed that station area plans be prepared for each district

**Additional Backup Material**  
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 **Fiscal Note**

The Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department is requesting an amendment to the professional services agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas, Inc for planning services for Transit-Oriented District Station Area Planning in the amount of \$130,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$580,000 This funding will produce station area plans for the Plaza Saltillo, Martin Luther King and Lamar-Justin Transit-Oriented Districts Additional appropriations will be required for Station Area Plans beyond the three Phase I stations

At the time the Transit-Oriented District Station Area Planning RFQ was issued in December 2005, available funding for the project was \$450,000 Subsequent to issuance of the RFQ, additional funding was identified for a total available amount of \$700,000 Expenditures to date include approximately \$66,000 for consultant services related to the affordable housing feasibility analysis for the Transit-Oriented Districts and approximately \$15,000 for Public Works project management fees The remaining available balance is approximately \$619,000

### Additional Background and Previous Council Action

In November 2004, voters residing within the boundaries of the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CMTA) service area approved a 32-mile Northwest Commuter Rail line connecting the cities of Austin and Leander Commuter rail is scheduled to begin service in 2008

In May 2005, the Austin City Council approved a Transit-Oriented District (TOD) ordinance The ordinance defined TOD boundaries for five commuter rail stations and one rapid bus park-n-ride facility within the City of Austin, established interim development regulations and goals for affordable housing within the TODs, and defined general

parameters for a Station Area Planning process. Since then, the ordinance has been amended twice to add three TOD districts.

In December 2005, the City of Austin issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking a consultant team to develop Station Area Plans for the adopted TOD districts. In May 2006, the Austin City Council approved the consultant firm of Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) Quade and Douglas, Inc. to create Station Area Plans for the City. The recommended consultant has extensive national and international experience with Transit-Oriented Development and Station Area Planning. Since then, contract and scope of work negotiations have ensued. A cost proposal was submitted by PB which requires an amendment to the original contract amount. This information was presented to the Land Use and Transportation Subcommittee on November 13, 2006.

## CIP BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION  
WHERE ON AGENDA  
DEPARTMENT

14-Dec-06  
Ordinance  
Neighborhood Planning and Zoning

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### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Project Name	Station Area Plans
Project Authorization	2006-2007 Amended Capital Budget
Funding Source	CMTA 1/4
Fund/Agency/Orgn	8581-2507-9135

Total Current Appropriation	\$700,000 00
Available Balance	\$619,706 00
Amount of this Action	<u>(\$580,000 00)</u>
Estimated Available	<u><u>\$39,706 00</u></u>

Financial Approval



Date

12, 06 06