## Transportation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 26

**Subject:** Authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with LONE STAR RAIL DISTRICT to share staff and consultant resources toward the research, analysis, and presentation of planning and funding information necessary to the development of an Urban Rail Circulator and the LSTAR Passenger Rail Service in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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This Interlocal Agreement will allow coordination with the Lone Star Rail District as the City of Austin contemplates the development of an Urban Rail Circulator. The Lone Star Rail District is working to develop the LSTAR Passenger Rail service that will provide regional connectivity to the cities along the corridor from Georgetown to San Antonio, including four stations in Austin.

Cooperation between the two projects is crucial to enable the timely development of necessary planning and funding information. Under the agreement, each entity will provide such assistance as is requested in writing by the other entity with the cost of such assistance to be reimbursed by the requesting entity.

The Interlocal Agreement is attached.