



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1252, **Agenda Item #:** 19.

2/18/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Transit Partnership to provide funding for the City of Austin Project Connect Office, in support of Project Connect. Related to Item #20.

Lead Department

Project Connect Office.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

December 12, 2020: The City Council approved resolution 20201218-002 (with complimentary action from the Capital Metro Board) creating the Austin Transit Partnership Local Government Corporation.

August 12, 2020: The Austin City Council and Capital Metro Board authorized an interlocal agreement with for the creation of a joint local government corporation to implement Project Connect.

July 27, 2020: The Austin City Council approved a resolution directing an initial investment in the Project Connect System Plan in accordance with the sequencing plan, and directed the City Manager regarding the City's Tax Rate.

June 19, 2020: The Austin City Council approved a resolution supporting the Project Connect System Plan and Locally Preferred Alternatives for the Orange, Blue, Gold, Green and MetroRapid Lines, and directed the City Manager to amend the ASMP to include the Project Connect System Plan and Locally Preferred Alternatives.

August 8, 2019: City Council adopted Resolution No. 20190808-081 directing the City Manager to "analyze and report on options for the City of Austin and other related or interested public or private entities to leverage resources to support the creation, operation, and maintenance of a high-capacity transit system".

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

In November 2020 voters approved City of Austin Proposition A, committing to an investment in the Project Connect High Capacity Transit system. The City Manager's Office created the Project Connect Office to coordinate the City's participation in the delivery of Project Connect in accordance with the sequencing plan approved by the City Council and Capital Metro Board. The work of the office will include coordination and relevant approvals of technical processes such as permitting, utility coordination, real estate, environmental, etc.

The Project Connect Office requires funds from the Austin Transit Partnership to create the office and carryout

responsibilities. The funding would provide for four full time equivalent employees in Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

If authorized by the City Council and the Austin Transit Partnership, the City and Austin Transit Partnership local government corporation will enter into an interlocal agreement for the purposes of funding the Project Connect Office for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Council action will be required in the future for subsequent funding years. This agreement and future agreements must also be authorized by the Austin Transit Partnership Board.

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Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility.