



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-2905, **Agenda Item #:** 101.

9/30/2021

### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro) to continue with design, management, construction and maintenance of transportation system improvements that enhance transit speed, safety, reliability and access through 2027 with an annual payment from Capital Metro of up to \$1,000,000 per year for an amount not to exceed \$6 million over a six year terms; update federal funding requirements; clarify reimbursement provisions; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to accept up to \$1,000,000 from Capital Metro; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to transfer in and appropriate up to \$1,000,000 from the Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund in support of the development and construction of the transportation system improvements.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Transportation Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding for the initial amount of \$1,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. Capital Metro has also allocated an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for each Fiscal Year through Fiscal Year 2027 for projects to be established by Capital Metro and the City. A fiscal note is attached.

### **Prior Council Action:**

Ordinance No. 20180322-032 - An interlocal agreement for Capital Metro to develop and construct transportation system improvements and amending the budget to receive funds from Capital Metro, was approved on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Pool absent.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Transit Speed and Reliability interlocal agreement was originally approved in 2018. This amendment to that interlocal agreement is for Fiscal Years 2022-2027 and seeks to: establish a new termination date of September 30, 2027; continue the financial portion of the agreement by dedicating funds of up to \$1,000,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2022-2027; establish a new not to exceed amount of \$6,000,000 based on the extended term; amend language in the financial portion of the agreement clarifying that Capital Metro will reimburse the City for "hard" and "soft" costs associated with project development and construction; amend language related to federal funding requirements based on updated federal provisions.. This amendment reflects the City and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Capital Metro) desire to cooperatively develop and construct a multi-modal transportation system that serves all users.

This amendment reimburses the City for the design, management, construction, and maintenance of

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transportation infrastructure improvement subprojects that will directly improve transit speed, safety, reliability, and access Transit Speed and Reliability subprojects will be chosen and prioritized by Capital Metro staff with input and approval from City staff. Construction of subprojects will consider Capital Metro and the City resources, changes in conditions and opportunities, overall improvements to multi-modal conditions, and applicable planning and policy documents. Capital Metro, with input from the Austin Transportation Department, has developed a list of subprojects that address transit speed, reliability, safety, and customer comfort in Fiscal Year 2022.

Capital Metro has approximately 2,900 bus stops on its fixed route bus transportation system. Capital Metro is in the process of constructing improvements where needed to improve the speed and reliability of its fixed route bus service. Contracting with the City to manage and construct many of these improvements would provide for timely, efficient, and cost-effective completion of the projects. Capital Metro is currently planning and implementing Project Connect, the largest investment in public transportation services in the history of the region.

The original interlocal agreement was approved in 2018 and now needs modifications to contract language along with an updated list of subprojects for Fiscal Year 2022.

This agreement will result in projects located throughout the City of Austin.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Mobility, Safety.