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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	12044	Agenda Number	31.
Meeting Date:	2/9/2012		Department:	Transportation
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CMTA) and the City of Austin to fund additional rail service to include Friday evenings and Saturdays along the MetroRail Red Line route within the City of Austin in an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000 in any one year, to be reimbursed to the City through Capital Metro funds paid the City under the Quarter Cent Program.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding is available from the Capital Metro Quarter Cent Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A Capital Improvements Program Expense Detail is attached.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
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Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

The City of Austin has demonstrated that the current multi-modal transportation network serving the region's core activity center (Austin Central Business District, Capitol Complex, and University of Texas) is significantly constrained and that a capacity deficit exists, especially during peak commute periods and when special events are present in the downtown. The ability to make short term transportation improvements to the roadways serving the regional core by the City of Austin or by other transportation providers in the region is limited. By expanding transit ridership into and out of the core, staff believes it would improve mobility as identified in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, Downtown Austin Plan, and emerging Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

The City desires to cooperate in the expansion of Capital Metro's MetroRail service into and out of the regional core and Austin's central business district (CBD) by allowing the the funding of additional rail service to include Friday evenings and Saturdays. The expanded service will broaden and boost MetroRail ridership, thereby reducing the need for some citizens and visitors to rely on the private automobile to access the primary regional core (Austin Downtown) and other stations along the Red Line within the City of Austin, beginning no later than April 1, 2012 with options to fund two additional one year contract extensions. Funds provided by the City for this additional service will be reimbursed to the city through payments to the city under the Capital Metro Quarter Cent Program.

Capital Metro shall be responsible for operating MetroRail service between the most westerly Redline station that is within the corporate limits of the City of Austin and the Downtown Station on Friday nights between 6:30 PM and 12:00 midnight, and 4:00 PM and 12:00 midnight on Saturdays. By mutual agreement, Capital Metro may operate additional services during special events and festivals on an event-by-event basis. Marketing and promotion of the extended services will be the responsibility of Capital Metro under a third party agreement