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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	21058	Agenda Number	26.
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Meeting Date:	1/31/2013	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Authorize the execution of an amendment extending the interlocal agreement with the LONE STAR RAIL DISTRICT until December 31, 2014 and increasing the authorization requested by \$200,000 for a total agreement in an amount not to exceed \$550,000 for Project Connect and other regional rail and mobility efforts.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution 20100513-026 and Resolutions 20111208-070 and 20111208-071.
For More Information:	Robert Spillar, 974-2488; Gordon Derr, 974-7228; Allison Dietzel, 974-7098; Gilda Powers, 974-7092.
Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Lone Star Rail District Executive Committee on February 1, 2013.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

At the May 13, 2010 City Council meeting, Item 26, Council approved an interlocal agreement (ILA) with Lone Star Rail District (LSRD) to share staff and consultant resources toward research, analysis, and presentation of planning and funding information necessary to the development of an Urban Rail Circulator and the LSTAR Passenger Rail Service.

At the December 8, 2011 City Council meeting, Items 70 and 71, Council approved amending the ILA with LSRD for an extension and increased coordination and sharing of staff and resources necessary for the ongoing Project Connect and other regional rail and mobility efforts.

This amended ILA will extend the existing agreement with the LSRD until December 31, 2014 and increase the total assistance requested by either party from \$350,000 to \$550,000.

The City and LSRD continue to partner with Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority in developing and finalizing Project Connect's regional system plan and supporting the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Transit Working Group. The original May 2010 ILA did not anticipate the time required to complete the needed process leading to an update of the regional high capacity transit plan for the CAMPO 2040 Plan. The partnership continues to work to implement the high-capacity transit components of the CAMPO 2035 Plan. The amended ILA will allow the City and LSRD to continue planning and technical work to implement the regional rail and mobility efforts.

It is increasingly imperative to the success of these rail initiatives that the City amend the ILA with LSRD to be able to continue to coordinate and align efforts of the involved organizations to develop rail lines that function as an integrated system that also creates new opportunities for community economic development and social benefits.

This project is managed by the Public Works Department.