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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	23650	Agenda Number	55.
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Meeting Date:	4/25/2013	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Authorize execution of an interlocal agreement between the City, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and Lone Star Rail District for coordinated planning and development of high-capacity transit projects for Central Texas, including Urban Rail.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This agreement between the City, Capital Metro, and Lone Star Rail establishes an open and transparent framework for high-capacity transit system planning and project development up to the point of capital funding for a project. This significant degree of interagency collaboration was initiated informally in 2011 under the "Project Connect" partnership.

The Project Connect partnership was undertaken to develop and optimize a high-capacity transit system plan from the components of the CAMPO 2035 Plan, adopted in 2010. Project Connect has been informing and supporting the work of the CAMPO subcommittee, the Transit Working Group, for the past year and a half. The Transit Working Group adopted a High-Capacity Vision Map for Central Texas in June 2012.

The agreement establishes an interagency executive governance committee, the "Joint Executive Team", made up of three members appointed by the top executives of each agency, with a rotating chairperson (initially, Capital Metro). This agreement designates Capital Metro's executive representative as the "Managing Partner" for Urban Rail,

responsible for the day-to-day executive oversight of the project. All parties to the agreement will bring and share resources to the framework.

This agreement delivers on a key recommendation by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Peer Review team in early 2013. The APTA Peer Review process is well-established and invaluable resource provided to the transit industry, where highly experienced and respected transit professionals apply their time and insights to a wide variety of topics.