

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	26320	Agenda Number	64.
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Meeting Date:	8/29/2013	Department:	Transportation
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**Subject**

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 3 to the interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority to continue the Regional Transit System Plan known as "Project Connect", extend the agreement duration, and increase the interlocal agreement in the amount of \$350,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	February 17, 2011, Item 44, and August 2, 2012, Item 58.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

**Additional Backup Information**

Project Connect is a partnership between Central Texas transportation agencies aimed at implementing the high capacity transit components of the CAMPO 2035 Plan and preparing for the 2040 Plan update. Project Connect's purpose is to build regional consensus on high capacity transit and answer fundamental questions about what the system should look like, how our region should organize to develop and operate the system, and how should we pay for the system over the long term. Project Connect includes planning and technical work, public involvement, and support for the CAMPO Transit Working Group (TWG) subcommittee.

Project Connect has resulted in a new high capacity transit vision for Central Texas that connects 25 regional centers in four counties and 13 cities. The Project Connect advisory group, the TWG, has endorsed this vision, passing a comprehensive resolution supporting next step Corridor Studies, recommending CAMPO incorporate the vision into the upcoming 2040 Plan development process, encouraging endorsement from regional partners and TWG members' organizations, and requesting on-going updates on additional vision developments.

This amendment No. 3 will increase the existing agreement amount from \$750,000 to \$1,100,000 and extend the agreement duration. This amendment will complete the initial Project Connect Vision system plan development and public outreach efforts.

This project is sponsored by the Austin Transportation Department and managed by the Public Works Department.