AGEND Recommendation for Council Action 26976 Austin City Council Item ID Agenda Number 65. 8/29/2013 Meeting Date: Department: Transportation Subject Approve a resolution supporting the Project Connect High-Capacity Transit System Plan, a high-capacity transit system that will connect population centers across Texas. Amount and Source of Funding Fiscal Note A fiscal note is not required Purchasing Language: **Prior Council** February 17, 2011, Item 44; August 2, 2012, Item 58; April 25, 2013, Item 55. Action: For More Robert Goode, 974-2411; Robert Spillar, 974-2488; Gordon Derr, 974-7228; Scott Gross, 974-Information: 5621; Gilda Powers, 974-7092.

Additional Backup Information

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Project Connect has produced 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 Transit Working Group (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 endorsements from regional partners and TWG members' organizations, and requesting on-going updates on additional vision developments.

This resolution matches that passed by Capital Metro's Board of Directors on June 21, 2013 and is based on the TWG's Resolution, passed June 6, 2013.

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 TWG subcommittee.

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