

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: March 22, 2018

Item Number: **032**

Transportation

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority to develop and construct transportation system improvements; amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to accept up to \$1,000,000 from the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to transfer in and appropriate up to \$1,000,000 from the Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund in support of the development and construction of the transportation system improvements.

Lead Department	Austin Transportation.
Fiscal Note	<p>Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000, is available from the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority has also allocated an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for each Fiscal Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2020 for projects to be determined by Capital Metro and the City.</p> <p>Fiscal Notes are attached detailing the acceptance of these funds and the transfer of those funds to the Austin Transportation Department’s Capital Budget.</p>
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Additional Backup Information:

This proposed interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro) would authorize the parties to cooperatively develop and construct a transportation system that serves a variety of users who use different types of transportation such as sidewalks, buses, and other vehicles that travel on the roads.

The City will (i) design, manage, construct, and maintain a group of subprojects that include sidewalk construction, accessibility improvements, bus stops, markings, signage, signals, and other traffic devices within the City right-of-way that will improve transit speed and reliability for Capital Metro customers; (ii) perform certain design services; and (iii) develop a model of downtown traffic that includes the variety of transportation system uses.

Capital Metro has approximately 2,900 bus stops on its fixed route bus transportation system. Capital Metro is in the process of constructing improvements to improve the speed and reliability of its fixed route service. Contracting with the City of Austin to manage and construct many of these improvements would provide for timely, efficient, and cost-effective completion of the projects. Capital Metro is currently planning its largest service change in history per its adopted *Connections 2025* plan. Capital Metro, with input and approval from the City of Austin Transportation Department, has developed a list of subprojects that address major barriers to fixed route service changes.

The June 2018 service change will impact over half of the existing bus stops, and the subprojects included in this proposed interlocal agreement are critical to the implementation of this effort. This interlocal agreement is critical to facilitate design and construction of transportation improvements for priorities set forth by Capital Metro and it will also benefit the City in resolving traffic issues.