



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-2334, **Agenda Item #:** 32.

7/29/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro), to allow City employees access to Capital Metro's transportation services in an amount not to exceed \$530,000, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$530,000 for each extension option for a total amount not to exceed \$2,650,000.

### **Lead Department**

Human Resources Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$397,500 is contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Employee Benefits Fund Budget of the Human Resources Department. Funding for the extension option is contingent upon available funding in future budgets

### **Prior Council Action:**

November 12, 2015: Council approved negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority to allow City employees to use Capital Metro's transportation services in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for each extension option for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The City will continue to realize fare discounts by purchasing transit passes in bulk. The discounted price for each trip under this agreement is 30% lower than the full fare cost charged by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro).

The initial term of the contract is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The four extension options, if exercised, will extend the term through December 31, 2025.

\$530,000 for each of the five years.

This interlocal agreement continues a long-standing employee benefit, created by the City's Clean Air Initiative, which provides City employees access to Capital Metro transportation services. This program is funded by the City's Employee Benefits Fund. The Commuter benefit is an integral component of the initiative to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips. This agreement with Capital Metro will provide transportation passes to City of Austin employee who want to use Capital Metro bus, MetroAccess, or Rideshare services, significantly decreasing carbon emissions.

Components of the services received include: Bus and Rail Service, MetroAccess Service (paratransit services), and Rideshare Service (vanpools). Cost for transit services increased over previous contract amount

because of increased fares adopted by Capital Metro board.

Capital Metro will monitor, compile, analyze, and report ridership data to the City each quarter for all services.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

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