



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize execution of a Cost Recovery Agreement with Capital Metro Transportation Authority for a water quality control improvement project at 609 E. 3rd Street, associated with the Consolidated Administrative Site Plan SP-2018-0163C, in the amount of \$249,800.00.

### **Lead Department**

Watershed Protection Department

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$249,800 is available in the FY 2019-20 Watershed Protection Department's Capital Budget.

### **Prior Council Action:**

May 4, 2017 - City Council approved Resolution No. 20170504-028, the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Austin and Capital Metro Transportation Authority (MetroRail Downtown Station Improvements) on an 8 - 2 vote with Council Member Garza absent.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This water quality control improvement, located at 609 E. 3rd Street, is currently developed and is privately owned. The approved site plan permit was issued on March 13, 2019 from the City of Austin (SP-2018-0163C) and the project has been approved to participate in the Cost Recovery Program (Land Development Code 25-8-215).

The Cost Recovery Program encourages development in the Urban Watersheds to capture and treat off-site runoff, which is in addition to the water quality controls required by the Land Development Code. The Cost Recovery Program sets a payment-schedule for how much the City of Austin will reimburse a private entity to capture and treat the off-site run-off volume. The program allows the City to partner with private developers to clean more water before it goes into Lady Bird Lake, which increases the outcome more than either public or private entity could do acting separately.

The Watershed Protection Department (has rated Lady Bird Lake as a High Priority Receiving Water for the Water Quality mission. Therefore, this agreement further promotes WPD meeting the City's water quality goals of improving the health of Austin's creeks, rivers, lakes, and springs to provide clean, flowing water that is safe and enjoyable to all.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment; Safety.