

Posting Language

Recommend approval to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority for reimbursement up to \$750,337 for design, project management, and construction costs for the City's proportionate share of wastewater mains and a shared-use path being constructed at the McKalla commuter rail transit station.

Lead Department

Management Services

Client Department

Austin Water Assistant Director of Engineering Services, Shay Ralls Roalson

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$526,737 for the Austin Water portion of this agreement is contingent upon available funding in a future Austin Water budget. Public Works Department will use local mobility bond funds to reimburse CapMetro.

Prior Council Action:

August 7, 2020 – Council approved resolution No. 20200807-003, relating to guidance on dedicating tax revenue and the terms of an interlocal agreement to be negotiated for the implementation of Project Connect for the November 2020 tax rate election

November 4, 2021 – Council authorized negotiation and execution of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the City of Austin, CapMetro and the Austin Transit Partnership in order to implement Project Connect projects.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

June 8, 2022 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

McKalla Station is a new commuter rail transit station, along the existing CapMetro Red Line, being constructed by CapMetro as part of Project Connect. The McKalla Station will provide increased mobility and transit options for the North Burnet area. The station will be located along the east side of the new Major League Soccer Stadium (Q2 Stadium), near Delta Drive, on the MetroRail Red Line between Braker Lane and Rutland Drive. The project is located on the border of Districts 4 & 7.

More information about the McKalla Station can be found in the [Fact Sheet](https://projectconnect.com/projects/red-line) on the Project Connect website (<https://projectconnect.com/projects/red-line>).

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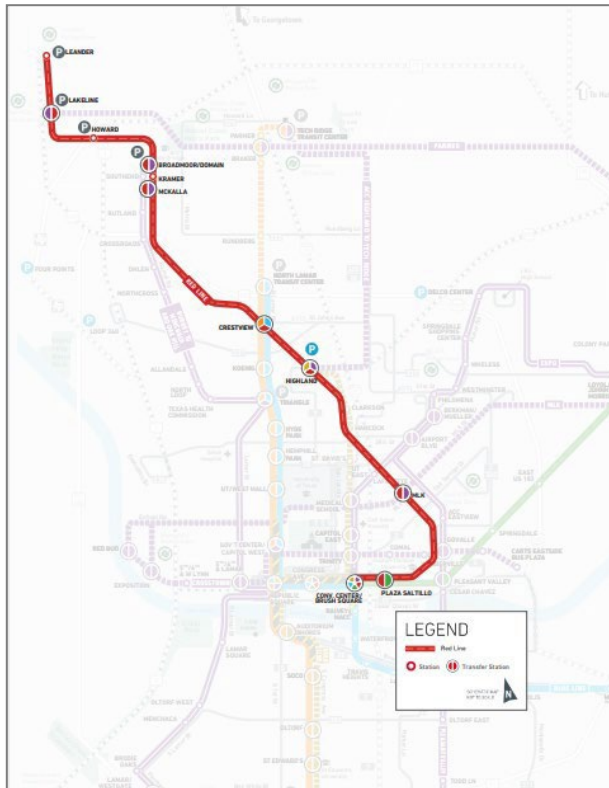


Figure 1: Project Connect MetroRail Red Line and Stations

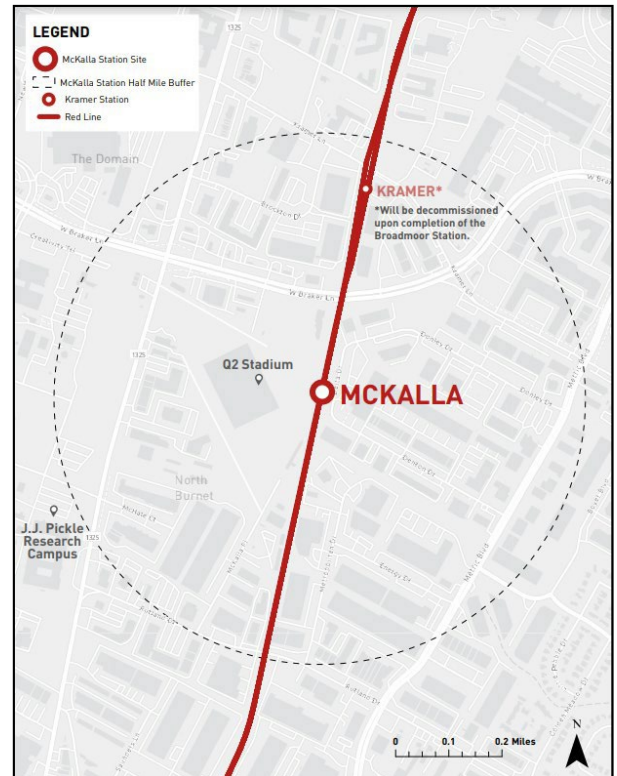


Figure 2: Project Connect McKalla Station

This interlocal agreement will enable CapMetro to include certain City-requested improvements into the scope of the McKalla Station design and will provide a mechanism for the City to reimburse CapMetro for the City's share of that work.

Wastewater Utility Improvements

The improvements by CapMetro require the relocation and adjustment of two existing City wastewater mains to accommodate the McKalla rail station project. Additionally, the rail station project is an opportunity to upsize the existing utility infrastructure to address service needs due to growth. Executing this interlocal agreement will allow CapMetro and the City to work together in the design and construction of the transit improvements and will save costs and minimize impacts to the public while improving mobility and wastewater utility service.

The two wastewater mains are considered subprojects of the McKalla rail station design. The Austin Water Subproject 1 includes the upsizing of approximately 365 linear feet of 8-inch wastewater main to 15-inch wastewater main, and Austin Water Subproject 2 includes upsizing of approximately 850 linear feet of 21-inch wastewater main to 42-inch wastewater main, and associated appurtenances.

Multimodal Connectivity Improvement

The 2014 Urban Trails Plan identified the Red Line Trail, adjacent to CapMetro's Red Line, as a high priority trail. As part of the McKalla rail transit station design, the Urban Trails Program is providing funding to expand the 8-

foot wide sidewalk initially proposed by CapMetro to 13-feet in width to serve as part of the regional Red Line Trail. This shared use path directly links to the existing Red Line Trail to the south and will connect to the active Red Line Trail project just north of Braker Lane.

Table 1 below provides an overview of the projects that are anticipated for the ILA and the related not-to-exceed dollar amount:

Table 1: Anticipated Projects

Project Type	Performing Party	Project Location	Improvement Scope	Anticipated City of Austin Contribution
Austin Water	CapMetro	Austin Water Subproject 1	8-inch Wastewater (WW) Line to 15-inch WW Line	\$ 200,723
		Austin Water Subproject 2	21-inch Wastewater (WW) Line to 42-inch WW Line	\$ 326,014
Public Works		Urban Trails Subproject 1	8-foot Sidewalk to 13-foot Shared Use Path	\$ 223,600
TOTAL:				\$ 750,337

The projects to be completed include up to \$750,337 in improvements to be reimbursed by the City. Each project will be monitored and accounted for consistent with CapMetro and City accounting requirements.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility; Health and Environment.