



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2382, Agenda Item #: 83.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority to develop and construct transportation system improvements with payment from Capital Metro of up to \$1,000,000; amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) to accept up to \$1,000,000 from Capital Metro; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20210811-001) 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 Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 is available from Capital Metro. A fiscal note is attached.

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Additional Backup Information:

This proposed interlocal agreement between the City of Austin (City) 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 modes of transportation such as sidewalks, buses, and other vehicles that travel on the roads. This agreement will also allow for efficient implementation of transit improvements while the City is constructing 2016 bond-funded Corridor Construction Program improvements and for the goals of both Capital Metro and the City to be met simultaneously.

The City will 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.

Capital Metro has approximately 2,900 bus stops on its fixed route bus transportation system, with many stops along the nine corridors included in the Corridor Construction Program. Capital Metro is in the process of developing improvements to improve the speed and reliability of its fixed-route service. Contracting with the City to manage and construct many of these improvements that overlap with the Corridor Construction Program 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. With input and approval from the City's Corridor Program Office and Transportation Department, Capital Metro has developed a list of an initial 60 transit stop improvements not already funded through the Corridor Construction Program that address significant barriers to fixed-route service changes.

This interlocal agreement is critical to facilitating the design and construction of transportation improvements

for priorities set forth by Capital Metro. It will also benefit the City by resolving traffic issues by optimizing transit operations to provide safer stop locations and crossings.

Approval of this item is necessary to comply with the Bond Election Ordinance No. 20160818-023 and the contract with the voters (Resolution No. 20160818-074), which set the goal of the 2016 Mobility Bond program to be completed within eight years. Any delay of this item will impact the schedule at a program level and will also delay individual Corridor project completions.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility.