

CAPITAL BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

7/28/22

CONTACT DEPARTMENT:

Austin Transportation

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$14,750,000 over ten years, for the co-management of MetroBike, a dock-based bike share system, for the purpose of enhancing and expanding MetroBike, prioritizing first/last mile access to transit, improving access for underserved communities, and providing more public transportation options for all residents and visitors.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT

Department:	Austin Transportation
	2018 Bond Safety-Intersection
Project Name:	Improvement
Project Authorization:	2022-2023 Capital Budget
Funding Source(s):	Mobility Fund Transfer
CIP FDU:	8400-2507-NEW
Unencumbered Balance	\$475,000
This Action	\$475,000
Estimated Available	<u>\$0</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The City of Austin was among the first municipalities to install a publicly funded bikeshare system in the United States. Austin B-Cycle, now MetroBike, started in 2013 with 43 station/kiosks and 350 bikes then grew to a total of 79 stations and over 847 bicycles (500 regular pedal bikes and 347 e-bikes). In 2020, through an ILA with the City, Capital Metro became a partner in the planning and rebranding of the system to MetroBike. Electric pedal assist bikes (e-bikes) were soon introduced and have driven a significant increase in ridership. E-bikes are utilized five times more than the manual pedal bike; yet make up only one third of the fleet. To date, MetroBike has accrued over 1.6 million trips, and over 500,000 passes sold.

Austin Transportation Department seeks authority to amend the current interlocal agreement to strengthen our partnership with Capital Metro and ensure a sustainable, successful future for MetroBike. The amended ILA gives Capital Metro the authority to assume management of MetroBike operations and maintenance. In addition, the ILA clarifies each parties' role and obligation in funding the expansion of MetroBike.

This amended ILA strengthens the partnership to ensure a sustainable program that can achieve the following programmatic and operational goals: (1) expand the MetroBike fleet and stations by three times; (2) optimize Capital Metro system's first and last mile solution; (3) extend the system reach to areas outside of the downtown core; and (4) fully electrify MetroBike's fleet. In turn, MetroBike's growth and sustainability will help the City meet Strategic Direction 2023's mobility goal to encourage the use of sustainable modes of transportation and discourage driving alone and single-purpose trips citywide to maximize the use of our transportation network.