



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2387, Agenda Item #: 85.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the co-management of MetroBike, a dock-based bike share system, for the purpose of enhancing and expanding MetroBike to increase funding by \$475,000 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$14,750,000 over a ten-year term.

Lead Department:

Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note:

Funding in the amount of \$475,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Transportation Department Capital Improvement Budget for the first contract year. Additional funding will be identified in future budget years.

Prior Council Action:

20200604-016 - Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority related to expansion and management of Bike Share of Austin and BCycle Austin, a station-based bike share system, for an initial term of four years, and a renewal term of up to three years. May 28, 2020 - Reviewed by the Mobility Committee. Approved on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Harper-Madison was off the dais.

20200326-032 - Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with B-Cycle, LLC, to provide bicycles, kiosks, and software for the Austin Bike Share Program, for an increase in the amount of \$439,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. Approved on an 11-0 vote.

20200326-031 - Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Bike Share of Austin, to provide maintenance of the City's bike share program bicycles and infrastructure assets, for up to two years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$336,000. Approved on an 11-0 vote.

Resolution No. 20181213-044 - A Resolution directing the City Manager to develop recommendations regarding the creation of a pilot program that would address shifting modes of transportation by incentivizing transit use was approved on a 6-2 vote with Council Members Houston and Troxclair voting against, Council Member Renteria absent, and Mayor Adler and Council Member Flannigan off the dais.

20130620-032 - Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a supply contract with B-CYCLE LLC, or the other qualified offeror to RFP EAG0111 for the purchase of bicycles, kiosks, and software for the Bike Share Program for the Public Works Department for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. Approved on a 7-0 vote.

20130117-047 - Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 60-month requirements service contract with BIKE SHARE OF AUSTIN, to implement market, operate, and manage the Bike Share Program for the Public Works Department with one, 60-month extension option. Approved on a 6/0 vote with Mayor Leffingwell absent.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 12, 2022 - briefing to the Council Mobility Committee.

May 17, 2022 - reviewed by the Bicycle Advisory Committee

May 17, 2022 - reviewed by the Pedestrian Advisory Committee

May 23, 2022 - approved unanimously by the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board

June 7, 2022 - reviewed by the Urban Transportation Committee

Additional Backup 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.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility, Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Health and Environment, Government that Works for All.