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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2237, Agenda Item #: 114.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority to reimburse its costs to design, manage and construct projects associated with traffic mitigation identified as necessary by the City in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

Lead Department

Public Works and Transportation

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Transportation and Public Works Department.

Prior Council Action:

March 2, 2017 - Ordinance No. 20170302-077 amending City Code Title 25 relating to right-of-way dedications and transportation improvements required as a condition to mitigate the impacts of development, was approved on a 10-0 vote with CM Alter abstaining.

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Additional Backup Information: Additional Backup Information:

The Transportation Development Services Division of the Transportation and Public Works Department reviews development applications for compliance with the transportation requirements of the Land Development Code and the Transportation Criteria Manual.

Prior to the adoption of the Street Impact Fee, the City collected fees from developments under certain circumstances to mitigate the impact of these developments rather than requiring the building infrastructure necessary to mitigate their impact on the transportation network (fee-in-lieu). These fees must fund specific projects identified as mitigation during the development review process, and in many cases the projects that were identified include improvements to transit infrastructure. This interlocal agreement would allow Cap Metro to build the infrastructure that were identified and paid for by the developments as documented in the completed Traffic Impact Analyses.

This interlocal agreement will allow the City to reimburse the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CapMetro) from these collected fee-in-lieu funds for the cost of designing, managing and constructing previously identified transit-related infrastructure improvements. Examples of such improvements that will be reimbursable to CapMetro through collected fee-in-lieu funds include:

- (1) new or relocated transit stops
- (2) accessibility ramps, sidewalk segments, and related items to allow or improve access to transit stops

- (3) bike and scooter parking near transit stops, and
- (4) curb extensions, bulb-outs, and inlet modifications to accommodate transit stops.

The use of fee-in-lieu funds for the construction of agreed upon transit improvements supports continued investment in a more accessible, equitable and multimodal transportation system throughout the city of Austin.