

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 20ILA TRINITY METRO TRANSIT PROJECTS

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Three Interlocal Agreements with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority totaling \$1,200,000.00 with City Participation in the Amount of \$900,000.00: East Lancaster Avenue Transit-Oriented Development Planning in the Amount of \$150,000.00 with City Participation In the Amount of \$100,000.00; Transit Technology and Innovation Infrastructure Improvements in the Amount of \$720,000.00 with City Participation In the Amount of \$470,000.00; and Transit Signage and Pedestrian Improvement with City Participation in the Amount of \$330,000.00 and Update the FY2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize City of Fort Worth to provide funding participation in the amount of \$900,000.00 from the Transit Initiatives Programmable Project (City Project No. P00129) for the East Lancaster Avenue Transit-Oriented Development Planning Project (City Project No. 102897), Transit Technology and Innovation Infrastructure Improvements Project (City Project No. 102898) and the Transit Signage and Pedestrian Improvements Project (City Project No. 102899).
2. Authorize execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority in the amount of \$150,000.00 with City participation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for East Lancaster Avenue Transit-Oriented Development Planning (City Project No. 102897);
3. Authorize execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority in the amount of \$720,000.00 with City participation in the amount of \$470,000.00 for Transit Technology and Innovation Infrastructure Improvements (City Project No. 102898); and
4. Authorize execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority in the amount of \$330,000.00 for Transit Signage and Pedestrian Improvements (City Project No. 102899).

DISCUSSION:

The FY20 Transit PayGo budget identified \$1,500,000.00 to be used for different types of transit projects. Identified projects included the Near Southside ZIPZONE for \$250,000.000 (aka Medical District ZIPZONE), the Bus Route Reorganization of \$250,000.00, and development of a Transit Mobile Smartphone Application for \$500,000.000 leaving \$500,000.00 for other transit initiatives to be identified at a later date. The Transit Mobile Smartphone Application came in under budget with a project savings of \$400,000.00. The sum of the transit initiatives of \$500,000.00 and the project cost savings from the mobile app of \$400,000.00 total \$900,000.00.

City of Fort Worth and Trinity Metro (Fort Worth Transportation Authority) staff are working together to implement specific transit improvements that will improve the customer experience, safety and encourages new transit ridership. With the availability of FY20 Pay-as-you-go (PayGo) funds in the amount of \$900,000.00, the City of Fort Worth will participate in following projects:

1. East Lancaster Avenue Transit-Oriented Development Planning;
2. Transit Technology and Innovation Infrastructure Improvements; and
3. Transit Signage and Pedestrian Improvements.

East Lancaster Avenue Transit-Oriented Development Planning:

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) maximizes the amount of residential, business and leisure space within walking distance to public transit. TOD encourages the choice to walk or bike in combination with transit use through well-designed, accessible built environment and connect network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities that reduce automobile dependence.

Trinity Metro was awarded \$600,000.00 in federal grant funding to support a comprehensive planning project to develop TOD along East Lancaster Avenue. The total TOD project cost is \$750,000.00 of which \$600,000.00 is Federal grant funding, \$50,000.00 is Trinity Metro funding, and \$100,000.00 is City of Fort Worth funding. Trinity Metro staff will implement the project. The East Lancaster Avenue TOD project will be complete by September 30, 2021.

Transit Technology and Innovation Improvements:

Transit technology and innovation improves mobility, enhances transit operations, increases ridership and safety. These improvements will include one (1) electric bus charging station, approximately forty-five (45) electronic transit signs and solar lighting for approximately fifty (50) bus shelters.

The total project cost is \$1,720,000.00 of which \$1,000,000.00 is Federal grant funding, \$250,000.00 is Trinity Metro funding, and \$470,000.00 is City of Fort Worth funding. Trinity Metro staff will implement the project. The Transit Technology and Innovation Improvements project will be complete by September 30, 2021.

Transit Signage and Pedestrian Improvement:

Transit Signage and Pedestrian Improvements, improve the safety of passengers accessing transit, leaving transit, and transferring between transit vehicles. These improvements include installation of sidewalk and curb-ramps for transit access, and new pavement markings at the Fort Worth Central Station – Bus Transfer Center. These improvements are intended to increase pedestrian safety and convenience, all of which encourage greater transit use.

The total project cost is \$330,000.00 of which \$330,000.00 is City of Fort Worth funding. Trinity Metro staff will coordinate with City staff to implement the project. The improvement project will be complete by September 30, 2021.

TRANSIT PROGRAMS	FEDERAL FUNDING	TRINITY METRO FUNDING	CITY FUNDING	TOTAL FUNDING
1. EAST LANCASTER AVENUE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING	\$600,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$750,000.00
2. TRANSIT TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,000,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$470,000.00	\$1,720,000.00
3. TRANSIT SIGNAGE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,600,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$900,000.00	\$2,800,000.00

The action in this M&C will update the FY2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

This Interlocal Agreement is in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Fort Worth Transportation Authority (Trinity Metro)

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the General Capital Projects Fund for the Transit-Oriented Dev Planning, Solar Installation at Bus Stop, and the MFI of Transit Bus Stop Signs projects to support the approval of the above recommendations and authorization of the interlocal agreements. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Transportation & Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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