

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 06/22/21

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 21-0505

**LOG NAME:** 201LA TRINITY METRO TRANSIT BUS ROUTE REORGANIZATION EXT

## **SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Amendment 1 to an Interlocal Agreement with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority in the Amount of \$500,000.00, with City Participation in the Amount of \$250,000.00, to Fund a Portion of Costs for Implementation of a Transit Bus Route System Reorganization and Extend the Bus Route System Reorganization Project End Date One Year

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of Amendment 1 to City Secretary Contract No. 53768, an Interlocal Agreement with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority in the amount of \$500,000.00, with City participation in the amount of \$250,000.00 to fund a portion of costs for implementation of a Transit Bus Route System Reorganization project for a revised contract cost of \$1,000,000.00 with City participation in the amount of \$500,000.00; and
2. Extend the Transit Bus Route System Reorganization project (City Project No. 102310) end date one year.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

On August 7, 2018, City Council approved Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) G-19335 authorizing funding for a Transit Master Plan implementation study to further assist in developing the City's vision for transit and transportation investment within Tarrant County and the region. The City's Transit Master Plan (Transit Moves Fort Worth Plan) developed priorities that maximize the return on transit investments, identify land use and capital investment strategies to support the success of transit, provide advice on funding from potential partner agencies within Tarrant County, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), State and Federal sources, and provide a better understanding of emerging technology applications and private sector partnering.

The current transit bus route network has been in place more that 20 years, with minor changes over time. The Transit Moves Fort Worth Plan identified an initiative to reorganize the current transit bus route network to better serve the growth in communities and businesses and change in land use over the past 20 years. The transit bus route reorganization plan will change the route network, increase transit services where needed, improve bus frequency on high ridership routes and enhance the overall customer experience. The project goal is to increase ridership by a minimum of 5% one year after implementation of the transit network reorganization. In December 2019, Trinity Metro awarded the bus route reorganization project to Simon Engineering along with their subcontractor Huitt-Zollars.

On March 3, 2020, City Council approved M&C 20-0119 authorizing funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Bus Route Reorganization project (City Project No. 102310) to the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (Trinity Metro) to be matched with equal funds provided by the Fort Worth Transportation Authority for a total amount of \$500,000.00 in support of the transit bus route reorganization project. This M&C is to authorize a second year of funding and an extension of the end date. The amendment to City Secretary Contract No. 53768, an Interlocal Agreement with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority in the amount of \$500,000.00, with City participation in the amount of \$250,000.00 to fund a portion of costs for the Bus Route Reorganization project for a revised contract cost of \$1,000,000.00 with City participation in the amount of \$500,000.00. The amendment will also extend the project end date one year to April 3, 2023. Funds for the City's participation are already appropriated in the adopted budget.

The transit services provided under this Interlocal Agreement are Citywide.

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

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## **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 Bus Route Reorganization project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Transportation & Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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