

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 20ILA NEAR SOUTHSIDE MOBILITY ON-DEMAND EXT

SUBJECT

(CD 8 and CD 9) 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 Operational Costs for the Near Southside Mobility On-Demand Service and Extend the Near Southside Mobility On-Demand Project End Date One Year

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize execution of Amendment 1 to City Secretary Contract No. 53769, 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 operational costs for the Near Southside Mobility On-Demand Service 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 Near Southside Mobility On-Demand project (City Project No. 102312) end date one year.

DISCUSSION:

The Trinity Metro ZIPZONE program is the agency's first mile/last mile flexible mobility solution for users of public transportation. Transit riders can travel their "first mile" and their "last mile" from the nearest transit stop via the on-demand rideshare service. With the implementation of the Near Southside On-Demand service, transit riders have had greater mobility flexibility and access to medical services, jobs, and businesses in and around Fort Worth's Near Southside. This on-demand service complements the existing Trinity Railway Express (TRE) and TEXRail services at Texas and Pacific (T&P) Station and fixed transit Bus Routes 1, 4, 5, 6, and 9. This Mayor and Council Communication is to authorize a second year of funding and an extension of the end date.

On March 17, 2020 (M&C 20-0171), City Council authorized an interlocal agreement in the amount of \$500,000.00 with Trinity Metro, with City participation in the amount of \$250,000.00 to fund a portion of the Near Southside Mobility On-Demand service (City Secretary Contract No. 53769). During the first six months of the on-demand service, the average cost per ride was \$375.00, for which the rider paid up to \$3.00. This cost included the introduction of the service and various routes with different fares and service areas. Trinity Metro has expanded the service area and allowed the use of Trinity Metro and regional passes, which brought costs down. In March 2021, the average cost per ride was \$129.75, for which the rider paid up to \$3.00. The second year of funding a portion of the on-demand service with Trinity Metro as a way to improve access to existing fixed transit services will enhance transit rider access. Funds for this amendment were previously appropriated in the amount of \$250,000.00 in anticipation of City support for the Near Southside On-Demand service. Funding in the project reflects the City's participation only.

The services provided under this interlocal agreement are in Council Districts 8 and 9.

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 Near Southside Mobilty-On Demand 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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