

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 03/03/20

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 20-0119

**LOG NAME:** 20ILA TRINITY METRO TRANSIT BUS ROUTE REORGANIZATION

**SUBJECT**

Authorize Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (Trinity Metro) 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 (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (Trinity Metro) 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 (City Project No. 102310)

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**DISCUSSION:**

On August 7, 2018, City Council approved 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, 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% percent one year after implementation of the transit network reorganization.

Trinity Metro awarded the project to Simon Engineering along with their subcontractor Huitt-Zollars in December 2019. Work on the project has begun and is anticipated to be complete by October 2020.

The City will be providing payment in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Bus Route Reorganization project 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. City funds are already appropriated in the City's 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 upon approval of the above recommendation and award of the contract, funds are available in the current capital budget, as appropriated, in the General Capital Projects Fund Bus Route Reorganization project . Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Transportation & Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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