



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-5397, **Agenda Item #:** 54.

9/12/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority to increase funding for the management of CapMetro Bikeshare, formerly known as MetroBike, in an amount not to exceed \$18,550,000 over 10 years.

Lead Department

Transportation and Public Works.

Fiscal Note

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

Prior Council Action:

December 12, 2022 - Resolution No. 20221208-052 authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program to fund the expansion of the MetroBike system, was approved on an 11-0 vote.

July 28, 2022 - Item 85 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an amendment to an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the co-management of MetroBike, and to increase funding by \$475,000 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$14,750,000 over a ten-year term. Approved on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Fuentes off the dais.

June 4, 2020 - Item 16 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority related to expansion and management of Bike Share of Austin and BCycle Austin, a station-based bike share system, for an initial term of four years, and a renewal term of up to three years. Approved on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Harper-Madison off the dais.

March 26, 2020 - Item 32 - Authorized an amendment to an existing contract with B-Cycle, LLC, to provide bicycles, kiosks, and software for the Austin Bike Share Program, for an increase in the amount of \$439,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. Approved on an 11-0 vote.

March 26, 2020 - Item 31 - Authorized negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Bike Share of Austin, to provide maintenance of the City's bike share program bicycles and infrastructure assets, for up to two years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$336,000. Approved on an 11-0 vote.

December 13, 2018 - Resolution No. 20181213-044 directing the City Manager to develop recommendations regarding the creation of a pilot program that would address shifting modes of transportation by incentivizing transit use was approved on a 6-2 vote with Council Members Houston and Troxclair voting against, Council Member Renteria absent, and Mayor Adler and Council Member Flannigan off the dais.

June 20, 2013 - Item 32 - Authorized award, negotiation, and execution of a supply contract with B-CYCLE LLC, or the other qualified offeror for the purchase of bicycles, kiosks, and software for the Bike Share Program for the Public Works Department for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. Approved on a 7-0 vote.

January 17, 2013 - Item 47 - Authorized award, negotiation, and execution of a 60-month requirements service contract with BIKE SHARE OF AUSTIN, to implement market, operate, and manage the Bike Share Program for the Public Works Department with one, 60-month extension option. Approved on a 6-0 vote with Mayor Leffingwell absent.

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Additional Backup Information:

Bikeshare is a dock-based bike share system. This action will provide for the expansion of the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, (CapMetro) Bikeshare, prioritizing first/last mile access to transit, improving access for underserved communities, and providing more public transportation options for all residents and visitors.

The Transportation and Public Works Department, supported by CapMetro, was awarded \$11.2 million in Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) Federal funding, of which the City of Austin will provide a \$2.8 million in local match funding, to expand and enhance the City's docked, bike-share system, MetroBike. This funding will result in system improvements including but not limited to fully electrifying the fleet and tripling the bikeshare network from 80 stations to 200 stations. During summer 2024 CapMetro contributed \$4,000,000 to replace and update 76 legacy B-Cycle stations with new PBSC CapMetro Bikeshare stations.

The City was among the first municipalities to install a publicly funded bikeshare system in the United States. Austin B-Cycle, now MetroBike, started in 2013 with 43 station/kiosks and 350 bikes. The bikeshare system grew to a total of 79 stations and over 847 bicycles (500 regular pedal bikes and 347 e-bikes). In 2020, through an interlocal agreement (ILA), CapMetro became a partner in the planning and rebranding of the system to MetroBike. In 2022 the ILA was amended to allow for further integration of the MetroBike system to CapMetro's transit system by providing for the absorption of MetroBike operations and maintenance, planning, and promotion into CapMetro's operations.

This amended ILA strengthens the partnership to ensure the effective implementation of the TASA AFA and sustainable operation and expansion of the newly procured and rebranded CapMetro Bikeshare system.