

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0790, Agenda Item #: 48.

5/22/2025

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District, for the use and maintenance of the area surrounding Austin High School, including use of tennis courts, R.D. Thorp baseball field, parking lots, on-street parking spaces on Stephen F. Austin Drive, the area known as the "Rowing Center," and replacing the current interlocal agreement. Funding: This item has no fiscal impact.

Lead Department

Transportation and Public Works Department

Prior Council Action:

August 30, 2018 - Item 20 authorizing an amendment to an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District to authorize the City to provide parking meter infrastructure and parking enforcement on Stephen F. Austin Drive, was approved on a 10-1 vote with Council Member Troxclair voting nay.

March 8, 2012 - Item 11 authorize execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District through October 1, 2012, with automatic annual renewals for 25 successive one-year terms establishing use and maintenance rights and responsibilities for facilities surrounding Austin High School, was approved on a 7-0 vote.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

June 12, 2018 - Approved by the Urban Transportation Commission on a 7-2 vote with Commissioners Johnson and Hosek voting against, and Commissioners O'Reilly and Reyna absent.

Additional Backup Information:

In August of 2017, the Austin Independent School District (AISD) approached the City about adding parking meters to Stephen F. Austin Drive, a privately-owned and maintained school district road, to better manage parking demand with a direct and positive effect on safety and mobility. The interlocal agreement amendment was approved on August 30, 2018, and metered parking was installed by the then-Austin Transportation Department in the Fall of 2018. The metered parking was in-place until AISD requested removal of metered parking for the installation of Austin High School student parking only.

This interlocal agreement completely replaces the existing interlocal agreement and defines a twenty-year period of agreement. It provides clarity on times of Austin High use and public use of various parks and transportation assets and amenities in the area on and around Austin High. It defines processes for use of the tennis courts, parking lots, the R.D. "Boss" Thorp baseball field and improvements, Stephen F. Austin Drive, and the area known as the Rowing Center.

There are approximately 151 parking spaces on Stephen F. Austin Drive. The new parking restrictions will have permit parking for Austin High School students during active school days as determined by AISD and

metered public parking at other times as determined by Transportation and Public Works Department. This agreement defines how any revenue generated will be allocated to each party and defines other rights and responsibilities. The interlocal agreement with AISD is beneficial to keep a consistent on-street parking system that is recognizable to the public and consistent with other City-owned public streets managed through on-street parking meters.