



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: March 12, 2013

Prepared By/Phone Number: Melissa Velasquez, County Judge's Office
Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge
Commissioners Court Sponsor: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Receive annual report provided by Capital Metro regarding financial obligation to Travis County pursuant to section 451.460 of the Transportation Code.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Section 451.460 of the Texas Transportation code requires Capital Metro to provide an annual report to each municipality or county regarding the status of any financial obligation of the authority to the municipality or county.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend receipt.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

n/a

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

n/a

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials should be submitted as a pdf to the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us by **Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.** for the next week's meeting.

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COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

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February 7, 2013

The Honorable Sam Biscoe
County Judge
Travis County
P.O. Box 1748
Austin, TX 78767

Re: Annual Report on Financial Obligation of the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority to the Travis County

Dear Judge Biscoe:

Capital Metro appreciates the opportunity to work with the County to promote safe, efficient and effective transportation within the County and the Central Texas area, and the Authority particularly appreciates your leadership and that of the Commissioners' Court on this vital economic issue.

Capital Metro and Travis County currently work together through two separate interlocal agreements, both of which create ongoing financial obligations of the Authority to the County and both of which are directed at County Precinct 2. These are (1) the Interlocal Agreements for Regional Mobility and Transportation Projects; and (2) the Interlocal Agreements for the Build Central Texas Programs with Travis. This report shows current obligations under both of these agreements.

Section 451.460 of the Texas Transportation Code, which was added during the 2009 regular session of the Texas Legislature, requires Capital Metro to provide an annual report to each municipality or county in the Authority regarding "the status of any financial obligation of the authority to the municipality or county." I am writing to provide that report.

As you know, the first of these agreements—for regional mobility and transportation projects—is the result of a 2003 agreement under which Capital Metro agreed to share a quarter of the revenue from its one percent sales tax for a four-year period under what was called the Quarter-Cent Fund. The quarter-cent funds are paid out when the city sends an invoice to show that the approved project work has been completed. The table on the following page shows the schedule of Capital Metro's obligations to Travis County and indicates that there is a total of \$349,882 outstanding under the agreement.

Year	Travis County Precinct 2
2001	\$ 639,549
2002	520,949
2003	184,895
2004	310,974
Total Allocated	1,656,367
Payments as of 12/31/2012	(1,306,485)
Total Remaining	\$ 349,882

Second, the ten suburban communities within the Capital Metro service area, including Travis County, are participants in the Build Central Texas (BCT) program. The program is dedicated to investing in infrastructure that supports transportation, such as funding street rehabilitation and reconstruction, transit corridor improvements, sidewalks, curb ramps and hike-and-bike trails.

BCT funds are paid out by Capital Metro when an invoice is presented, and the work has been complete and inspected by Capital Metro. A county is advanced 50 percent of the funds after the BCT allocation is approved by the Board. The county must request the 50 percent funding.

Under this interlocal agreement with Travis County, Precinct 2, Capital Metro has a total outstanding obligation to the County of \$1,208,813 December 31, 2012.

I look forward to continuing to work with you for the benefit of our community and region. If you have questions about this report or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Linda S. Watson
President/CEO

c: The Honorable Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Mr. Steve Manilla, Executive Manager,
Travis County Department of Transportation and Natural Resources