



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: February 4, 2014

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORT FROM CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REGARDING STATUS OF ANY FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OF THE AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Receive report.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

n/a

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

n/a

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COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE

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January 14, 2014

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. There is a total of \$215,400 outstanding under this agreement.

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 had a total outstanding obligation to the County of \$951,528 as of December 31, 2013.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda S. Watson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Linda S. Watson
President/CEO

c: Mr. Steve Manilla, Executive Manager,
Travis County Department of Transportation and Natural Resources