

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Engineering and Construction Management
Mass Transit Department – Sun Metro

AGENDA DATE: September 11, 2012

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE: Irene D. Ramirez, P.E., Assistant City Engineer (X4431)
Jay Banasiak, Sun Metro Director, 534-5811

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 1 & 8

SUBJECT:

- 1) Presentation of the Street Car Project capital cost estimate, operating costs and vehicle selection to include discussion and action on the type of vehicle to include in the project.
- 2) That the City Manager be authorized to sign the First Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services by and between the City of El Paso and URS Corporation, a Nevada Corporation, for a project known as “El Paso Streetcar Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Assessment” to add additional professional services for the Pre-Final, Final Design, Bidding and Construction Phases of the El Paso Streetcar Project, in the amount of Three Million Four Hundred Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Five and No/00 Dollars (\$3,442,105.00) thereby extending the contract amount from \$1,250,000.00 to \$4,692,105.00; and that the City Manager be authorized to establish the funding sources and make any necessary budget transfers and execute any and all documents necessary for execution of this amendment.
- 3) Discussion and action to increase the Mass Transit Department (Sun Metro) Capital Plan (“Capital Program”) as adopted on November 2, 2010, by \$5M in order to add the project known as the El Paso Street Car Planning and Design Project; to authorize the use of a combination of Certificates of Obligation, revenue bonds, or other sources for the Capital Program pursuant to the City’s Debt Management Policy; and to authorize the City Manager to establish funding sources and execute any and all documents for the execution of this project. Funding for this project will be from Sun Metro Enterprise Fund revenue.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

November 2, 2010, approval of the Mass Transit Department Capital Plan
May 15, 2012, approval of consultant contract with URS for the El Paso Street Car Project
May 29, 2012, approval of selected route for El Paso Street Car Project

Though Montana RTS funding from the November 2, 2010 authorization was previously identified for this project, the existing funding is the required federal grant match and cannot be used for the Street Car project. City staff has determined that self-supporting monies are projected to be available for this purpose and therefore are requesting that the Capital Program be increased accordingly.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Sun Metro Sales Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council approved its revised Debt Management Policy on February 14, 2012 and amended on June 26, 2012 which sets forth the parameters for issuing new debt for the City of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, the Debt Management Policy establishes the type of bonds that may be used to fund capital improvement projects at the lowest costs possible and states that Certificates of Obligation are an appropriate debt instrument for infrastructure related capital projects (and non-quality of Life projects); and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council has directed that issuances for proposed capital projects and utilizing Certificates of Obligation be brought forward annually starting in 2010 and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2010, the Mass Transit Board affirmed a Mass Transit Department (Sun Metro) Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2011 through 2017 for which the City would need to issue long term debt and, on February 14, 2012, revised said Capital Improvement Plan to amend the Operations Facility Funding; and

WHEREAS, City Staff recommends the Mass Transit Department (Sun Metro) Capital Plan ("Capital Program") as adopted on November 2, 2010 be amended to add a new project known as the El Paso Street Car Planning and Design Project and adding \$5,000,000 as this project's total budget and to authorize the use of a combination of Certificates of Obligation, revenue bonds, or other sources for the Capital Program pursuant to the City's Debt management Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO THAT:

- A) The Mass Transit Department (Sun Metro) Capital Plan ("Capital Program") as adopted on November 2, 2010 and amended February 14, 2012 is hereby amended to add a new project known as the El Paso Street Car Planning and Design Project and adding \$5,000,000 for this project's total budget;
- B) The use of a combination of Certificates of Obligation, revenue bonds, or other sources for the Capital Program pursuant to the City's Debt Management Policy is authorized; and
- C) That City Manager is directed to take such actions and execute any and all documents for the execution of this project, subject to annual budgeting requirements and final Council approvals.

(Signatures on following page)

PASSED AND APPROVED this ___ day of September, 2012

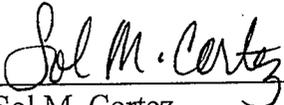
CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

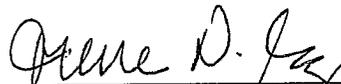


Sol M. Cortez
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



for Jay Banasiak, Director
Mass Transit Department



for R. Alan Shubert, City Engineer
Engineering & Construction Mgmt. Dept.