



Agenda Item Report

Legislative Board: City Council
Date: July 21, 2026
Contact: Alicia Ramirez, City Clerk
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ITEM TITLE: Approval to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Capital Area Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CapMetro) Grant amending the scope from purchasing scheduling software to purchasing a bus for the operation of the Senior Transportation Program (City Clerk Alicia Ramirez)

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The ridership for the City's STAR Transportation program continues to grow, specifically due to the expanded ETJ program. In an effort to strive for efficient and accurate scheduling, the City applied and was successful in being awarded a grant from CapMetro for \$146,827.00 for the purchase and maintenance of scheduling software for the program for a three-year period.

The city received its first bus in 2017 and the second in 2024. Due to ongoing repairs on the older bus, staff wishes to utilize the 2025 grant to purchase a bus rather than the software. Staff has been in communication with CapMetro and they are in agreement to amend the scope of the 2025 grant award.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

STAR (Seniors Taking a Ride) Senior Transportation Program is a program offered by the City of Buda to transport independent ambulatory seniors and individuals with disabilities. STAR was established in 2005. Our goal is to provide senior transportation to enhance the quality of life and promote independence for persons 60 years or older or individuals with disabilities residing within the Buda city limits.

This program is free for seniors and offer rides to various locations in Buda, Kyle, and San Marcos (service area). Riders may make reservations 30-days in advance or at least a minimum of two (2)-business days' notice. Service is from the rider's curbside to their destination (curb-to-curb). We do not provide service to Austin.

Our priority destinations are non-emergency or routine medical appointments. Surgical procedures are classified as an emergency for this purpose; therefore, these destinations are not included in our service program. Other destinations include the pharmacy, grocery store, shopping center, bank, etc.

SERVICE DAYS AND HOURS

Our service days and hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To qualify for the program or schedule a ride, customers must complete the Registration/Request Form on the website or contact the City of Buda STAR Service at 512-523-1014.

3. ANALYSIS

The additional bus would replace the 2017 model. The city will keep the 2017 Bus, which may be used for non-routine appointments or special events.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

CapMetro Grant: \$146,827.00 over a three (3) year period.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

EXCEPTIONAL CITY SERVICES WITH A LOW TAX RATE

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Senion STAR Transportation Program funding

7. PROS AND CONS

PROS: The purchase of a 3rd bus would allow staff to retire the 2017 Bus for a more dependable fleet. STAR Program continues to serve as a transportation alternative for the elderly and those individuals with disabilities within the Buda city limits and ETJ.

CONS: Staff would continue to utilize the 2017 Bus.

8. ALTERNATIVES

N/A

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks the Council's direction to accept or reject the grant amendment to purchase a 3rd Bus for the Senior Transportation Program.

Attachments:

[Agreement - CapMetro Grant PGA Amendment #1 - TX-2025-091-COB.pdf](#)