



Austin Transit Partnership

Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors Resolution

Meeting Date: 7/15/2026

ATP-2026-015

Subject: Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director or their designee to award, negotiate, and execute a fixed price contract with Stadler US, Inc. for design services, manufacture, testing, and delivery of light rail vehicles for Austin Light Rail, and authorizing initial contract funding of \$39,000,000 for preliminary design work only, with funding for additional work under the contract subject to future authorization by the Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors.

Fiscal Impact: Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Light Rail Capital Fund for costs expected under this contract for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Funding beyond the current fiscal year is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Executive Summary: This action authorizes Austin Transit Partnership (“ATP”) staff to execute a fixed price contract with Stadler US, Inc. for design coordination, design, manufacturing, testing, and delivery of 21 light rail vehicles, and approves initial funding of \$39,000,000 for only preliminary design work under that contract. Additional work beyond the initial \$39,000,000 funding is expressly subject to future authorization by ATP’s Board of Directors and in no case will the total cost of the base order contract for 21 vehicles exceed \$352,800,000.

ATP staff recommends (i) the award of this contract to Stadler US, Inc. based on the results of an extensive procurement process conducted in accordance with state and federal law, (ii) approval to proceed only with preliminary design work under that contract, and (iii) authorization of funding for such preliminary design work under the contract in an amount not to exceed \$39,000,000.

This contract procurement began in 2024 and has included a multi-step process that engaged industry as well as City of Austin and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority partners early and resulted in the issuance of a request for proposal in October 2025 for a fixed price contract. ATP received four proposals, selected the best value proposer, and negotiated the overall contract price and terms. The proposed contract allows ATP to lock in a total fixed cost for the base order of 21 vehicles without committing expenditure of ATP funds beyond the initial \$39,000,000 for preliminary design work. This approach preserves project readiness and cost certainty by reducing the risk of vehicle pricing fluctuations. The approach also avoids the risk of stranded costs.

This contracting approach also supports coordination and efficiency between the vehicle manufacturer and ATP’s design-build partners for the rail infrastructure system (“LRT”) and the operations and maintenance facility (“OMF”), thus allowing the design work of these other contractors to align with vehicle design under this contract.

In the preliminary design phase of this contract, this coordination with ATP’s other design-build partners is expected to include:



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- Supplying vehicle specifications to the LRT and OMF contractors to advance design to minimize interface/ integration risks such as:
 - Track geometry (e.g., maximum slope, minimum curve, etc.)
 - static and dynamic clearance envelopes
 - power requirements
 - train control integration with traffic signals
 - station platform level boarding requirements
- Advancing vehicle design to support systems integration (onboard and wayside technology and equipment)
- Allowing for early input into vehicle design for operator needs, passenger accessibility, etc.

Future funding authorizations for the base order contract will address costs related to the completion of vehicle design, manufacturing, testing, and vehicle delivery.

The contract also includes potential future options not included in the base order cost which ATP may exercise for: (i) purchase of up to 19 additional light rail vehicles to support future growth; and (ii) purchase of technical support and spares supply services to support operations. Exercise of either of these options is subject to future ATP Board approval.



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**RESOLUTION OF THE AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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WHEREAS, on October 23, 2025, Austin Transit Partnership (“ATP”) issued a request for proposals for design services, manufacture, assembly, and delivery of light rail vehicles (“LRVs”) for Austin Light Rail, and received proposals from four qualified proposers; and

WHEREAS, ATP evaluated and scored the technical proposals, determined that each of the four proposers were within the competitive range, conducted interviews with each of the proposers, and evaluated and scored their cost proposals; and

WHEREAS, following such evaluations, ATP selected Stadler US, Inc. as the best value proposer on May 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, ATP recommends award of the contract for the provision of design services, manufacture, assembly, and delivery of LRVs, including options for ATP to purchase additional LRVs and technical support and spares supply services, to Stadler US, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, ATP seeks to preserve project readiness, cost certainty, and avoid the risk of stranded costs; and

WHEREAS, ATP staff has recommended that Stadler US, Inc. commence the design coordination work under the base order portion of that contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approves the commencement of the preliminary design work phase under the Contract described herein, and authorizes funding only for such preliminary design work in an amount not to exceed \$39,000,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors that the Executive Director or their designee is hereby authorized to award, negotiate, and execute a fixed price contract with Stadler US, Inc. for design coordination services, design, manufacture, assembly, and delivery of light rail vehicles for Austin Light Rail, including options for future purchase of additional LRVs and technical support and spares supply services (the “Contract”) in a total amount not to exceed \$352,800,000 for the base order of 21 vehicles, with authorization for funding of the Contract as provided in this Resolution.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director shall include provisions in the Contract requiring approval by ATP and funding authorization by the Board of Directors before proceeding with any future phases of work under the Contract beyond the preliminary design work phase, and before exercising options for additional vehicles or services as provided in the Contract, with no obligation to proceed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional funding of the Contract beyond the amount authorized in this Resolution shall require approval by the Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or their designee, is authorized to take any other actions that may be required to effectuate and enforce the terms and conditions of the Contract consistent with this Resolution.



Lee Crawford
Secretary of the Board

07/15/2026
Date