



Elgin City Council Meeting Agenda Item Executive Summary

ITEM:

DEPARTMENT: Community Development

PROPOSED ACTION: Consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a lease with the Capital Area Rural Transit Authority (CARTS) for a bus terminal at Avenue C and Central Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

Located at 201 Central Avenue, the site is currently a vacant lot. CARTS has secured grant funding to build a facility for public transportation that would include permanent public restrooms. The location was a featured element in the Sustainable Places plan competed in 2014 where adding a permanent transit station was recommended for that site. CARTS provides transportation to Austin via the Elgin Manor 990 Express Monday through Friday, and offers a variety of routes through the Interurban program as well as paratransit, and curb to curb programs for medical appointments. The permanent public restrooms would be maintained by the City of Elgin and would be open to the public on a schedule similar to the public restroom facilities at community parks. The City would provide utility infrastructure and extend the parking area related to the site in support of the overall project. The project is estimated at \$1.2 million.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this item was { } included { } not included in the current-year budget { } N/A
The project is include in the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to negotiate a lease with CARTS for 201 Central Avenue as a public transit stop.

ATTACHMENTS:

- { } Staff will be making a detailed presentation on this agenda item at the meeting.**
- { } Staff will provide brief comments and answer questions on this item at the meeting.**
- {X} This is a routine procedural item and no presentation is planned for the meeting.**

Councilmembers who have any detailed questions or would like to request additional information regarding this item are encouraged to contact the City Manager at their earliest convenience.