

AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

**Communications and Technology Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 3

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of: (1) a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement with Sprint Nextel for reconfiguration costs, (2) Interlocal agreements with the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System partners and associates to reimburse costs related to reconfiguration, and (3) a Reconfiguration Services Agreement with Motorola, Inc. for the reconfiguration of the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System. **Amount and Source of Funding:** The costs for reconfiguration will be paid in full by Sprint Nextel; there will be no cost to the City of Austin or the Regional Radio System partners.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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By mandate of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), all public safety radio systems using 800 MHz "NPSPAC" frequencies, including the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System (RRS), must reconfigure or "reband" their systems to a new segment of the 800 MHz frequency band. Rebanding nationwide is needed because of interference on the frequency spectrum.

The costs for rebanding will be paid in full by Sprint Nextel; there should not be any out-of-pocket costs to the City included any affected RRS users. The FCC required Sprint Nextel to obtain irrevocable letters of credit in the amount of \$2.5 billion as security for rebanding costs.

As the managing partner of the RRS, the City is authorized to oversee this reconfiguration on behalf of all RRS partners and associates as listed below. In November 2006, CTM negotiated and executed a "Planning Funding Agreement" with Sprint Nextel for reimbursement of all costs related to planning the reconfiguration. With the 6-month planning phase near completion, the next phase is reconfiguration; the actual retune of RRS infrastructure and subscriber units (mobile and portable radios).

The agreements described below are necessary to comply with the federally-mandated frequency reconfiguration of the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System.

To accomplish the reconfiguration phase, the City must execute a Frequency Reconfiguration Agreement (FRA) with Sprint Nextel for payment of all reconfiguration costs.

The City will negotiate this FRA on behalf of all RRS partners and associates. (Please see the list of partners and associates below). All RRS partners' and associates' costs related to this rebanding effort will be reimbursed by Sprint Nextel to the City. After completion of the rebanding project, the City will then reimburse RRS partners and associates their costs via individual interlocal agreements.

Motorola, Inc. will perform the system reconfiguration with assistance from City of Austin wireless technicians. While Motorola's costs will be paid directly to Motorola by Sprint Nextel with no City budgetary involvement, the City must, nevertheless, negotiate and execute a contract with Motorola for the reconfiguration services.

Partners:

Travis County, U.T. Austin, Capital Metro, AISD, and the Texas House of Representatives/Texas Legislative Council.

Associates:

ESD 1: North Lake Travis Fire Rescue

ESD 2: Pflugerville Fire Department

ESD 3: Oak Hill Fire Department

ESD 4: Travis County Fire Control

ESD 5: Manchaca Fire Department

ESD 6: Hudson Bend Fire Department

ESD 8: Pedernales Fire Department

ESD 9: West Lake Fire Department

ESD 10: CE-Bar Fire Department

ESD 11: Travis County Fire & Rescue

ESD 12: Manor Fire Department

ESD 14: Volente Fire Department

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