

AGENDA



Thursday, November 8, 2007

**Communications and Technology Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 11**

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Police Department Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to transfer \$4,794,396 to the Communications & Technology Management Capital Budget; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Communications & Technology Management Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 20070910-004, to appropriate the \$4,794,396 transfer and \$1,598,132 from interlocal agreements with the City of Lockhart and Bastrop County for a total of \$6,392,528 for the expansion of the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System project.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$4,794,396 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Police Special Revenue Fund from a Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant. Local match funding in the amount of \$1,247,437.50 is available from Bastrop County and \$350,694.50 is available from the City of Lockhart.

Fiscal Note: Related to items #12, #34 and #55.

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Boards and Commission Action: Related to items #12, #34 and #55.

Prior Council Action: 06/21/07 - Council approved a resolution authorizing application for \$6,000,000 in grant funds from U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to purchase radio system infrastructure and subscriber radio equipment to expand the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System to the City of Lockhart and to Bastrop County.

The City of Austin and members of the Regional Radio System (RRS) provide leadership for a multi-jurisdictional Project 25 (P25) interoperable communications system.

In 2005, with the award of a COPS Interoperable Communications Grant, the Williamson County trunked 800 MHz radio communication system was upgraded and integrated into what is now known as the Austin-Travis County / Williamson County Regional Radio System (ATW-RRS).

The City of Austin, Travis County, Bastrop County and the City of Lockhart have overlapping jurisdictions, incompatible radio systems, and the need for direct interoperability. This is a project to improve the effectiveness of public safety communication systems and allow for interoperability with Bastrop County and the City of Lockhart and to expand the Regional Radio System to those areas.

This budget amendment, in the amount of \$6,392,528, provides funding for the proposed improvements to the Regional Radio System. Contributions from Bastrop County and the City of Lockhart are contingent upon the successful completion of interlocal agreements.