

AGENDA



Thursday, August 27, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 47**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month Interlocal Agreement with CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Capital Metro), Austin, TX to allow City employees to use Capital Metro's transportation services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$127,000, with options to purchase additional cards in lots of 50 each at an estimated cost of \$100 per card.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Human Resources Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Purchasing Language: Interlocal Agreement.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This Interlocal Agreement continues a long standing employee benefit, created by the City's Clean Air Initiative, which provides City employees access to Capital Metro transportation services. The City estimates that employee ridership has avoided the use of 43,249 gallons of gasoline and reduced 381 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions from October 2008 through June 2009. In previous agreements, transportation services were available to all City employees through their City I.D. badge. Last year, the City received 5,555 annual passes called "i-Ride" cards. Approximately 3,500 "i-Ride" cards were distributed. According to the latest ridership statistics, which provide data for nine months of the Fiscal Year, 528 employees have used the "i-Ride" card an average of at least one business day or more per week.

Under the Fiscal Year 2010 Agreement, the City will receive 1,000 "i-Ride" cards to provide to City employees. Cards will be issued to employees based upon need and previous utilization of Capital Metro transportation services. Cards will also give employees access to the MetroRail when operational. In addition, the Agreement continues MetroAccess bus service for handicapped employees and continues employee van pool services known as RideShare. Capital Metro will monitor, compile, analyze, and report ridership data to the City each quarter.

The contract will be effective on October 1, 2009 and is entered into under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.