

AGENDA



Thursday, November 5, 2009

**Communications and Technology Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 14**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of Interlocal Agreements with a 12-month term, renewable for thirty-four 12-month terms with various state, local, and regional government entities to permit the connection of their radio systems, dispatch consoles, and related communications equipment to the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System Master Site to facilitate interoperable radio communications with Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System users.

Amount and Source of Funding: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Prior Council Action: April 19, 2007 - Ordinance No. 20070419-003 approved; November 17, 2005 Ordinance No. 20051117-019 approved.

The City of Austin and its other Partners in the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System (RRS) provide leadership for a multi-jurisdictional Project 25 (P25), an interoperable 700 MHz / 800 MHz, trunked radio communications system. In 2005, a \$6,000,000 federal grant to the City of Austin provided a substantial upgrade to the RRS "Master Site," with the stated use to include the hosting of other government jurisdiction radio systems into a common system to improve radio communications interoperability for day-to-day operations, mutual aid and critical incident operations among government agencies.

The proposed "Master Site Use Interlocal Agreements" will allow the government entities listed below to connect together into an interoperable platform. Costs related to connection of the entities to the RRS Master Site will be borne by the outside entities at no cost to the City of Austin or the other RRS Partners. These entities will pay for their own radio system operation and maintenance costs.

Interlocal Agreements for Master Site Use are proposed for the following government entities, whose radios systems may have footprints larger than their jurisdictional boundaries:

Bastrop County
Bexar County
Blanco County
Burnet County
Caldwell County
Dallas County
Fayette County
Harris County
Hays County
Lee County
Llano County
Nueces County
Parker County
Tarrant County
Williamson County
City of Corpus Christi

City of Dallas
City of El Paso
City of Fort Worth
City of Houston
City of Laredo
City of Lockhart
City of Marble Falls
City of McAllen
City of Odessa
City of Pflugerville
City of San Antonio
City of San Marcos
Alamo Area Council of Governments and its Members
Capital Area Council of Governments and its Members
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and its Members
Middle Rio Grande Development Council and its Members
North Central Texas Council of Governments and its Members
Permian Basin Development Council and its Members
South Texas Development Council and its Members
Lower Colorado River Authority
Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas Department of Transportation
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
State of Arkansas
State of Louisiana
State of Oklahoma
State of New Mexico

The Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System Partners include: the City of Austin, Travis County, Austin Independent School District, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Texas Legislative Council/House of Representatives, and The University of Texas at Austin.

The City of Austin serves as the Managing Partner of the RRS, with operation and maintenance costs shared by the Partners.