

## AGENDA



Thursday, January 14, 2010

**Emergency Medical Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 14**

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**Subject:** Authorize execution of renewal and amendment of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Travis County to provide ground emergency medical services in areas of Travis County outside the City's corporate limits and support services to Travis County's STAR Flight program for a 12-month term beginning on October 1, 2009, in exchange for payment of \$10,924,389.92 by Travis County.

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

**For More Information:** Ernesto Rodriguez, Director, 972-7148

**Prior Council Action:** September 24, 2009 - Interlocal Agreement with Travis County for ground EMS services.

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The EMS Department has been providing emergency medical services to Travis County for over thirty years. The most recent Interlocal Agreement with Travis County for ground EMS services was approved by City Council on September 24, 2009 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. That agreement authorizes up to two additional 12-month renewal terms. EMS has continued to provide services to the County since October 1 under a holdover agreement.

This renewal addresses the City's provision of ground EMS services to those areas of Travis County that are located outside the City of Austin's corporate limits. The monthly ground EMS fee to be paid to the City will decrease to \$903,855.66 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 from the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 rate of \$911,181.39. Travis County reimburses the City for these ground services through a flat monthly rate that corresponds to the annual operating budget for EMS. The renewal agreement adjusts this monthly fee for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 to correspond with the adopted operating budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

This agreement also addresses City's support of the County's STAR Flight air ambulance program. The City continues to provide medical direction, call-taking, flight dispatch, billing and medical supplies to STAR Flight, as described in this new agreement. This agreement requires County to pay the City \$6,510.16 per month for support services provided to STAR Flight.

This renewal will exercise the first renewal of the original agreement and one additional 12-month term will be available.