

AGENDA



Thursday, March 11, 2010

Aviation

Item No. 6

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a reimbursement agreement with a consortium of rent-a-car companies holding Concession Agreements at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport for professional services to perform a study to determine the feasibility of a new rental car facility and parking garage at the Airport in an amount not to exceed \$454,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$454,000 is available in the residual account of the surplus fund of the Rental Car Special Facility Revenue Bond Customer Facility Charge (CFC) Trust Account.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Austin Airport Advisory Commission.

At the present time, persons renting cars at the airport pick up and return their vehicles on the third floor of the terminal parking garage. This area is limited to approximately 1200 vehicles. Airport growth projections predict a need for both additional rental car staging and ready return spaces, and garage parking within the near future. Prior to the onset of the current recession, the rental car companies were in dire need of additional space, and the two floors of public parking in the garage were frequently full. As a result, the Department of Aviation is considering the construction of a new four story parking garage in the surface parking lot immediately behind the existing parking garage. Two floors of the garage would be dedicated to rental car use, and two floors would be available for public parking. In addition, the new facility would include quick turnaround vehicle fueling and cleaning facilities (QTAs). Incorporating QTAs into the project would reduce the need to ferry rental cars back and forth between the terminal and the rental car service centers, reducing traffic on Presidential Blvd. and related motor vehicle exhaust and air pollution.

Because of their experience in the development of consolidated rental car facilities at other airports around the country, the rental car companies operating at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) have requested that they be given the opportunity to take the lead in preparing a study to determine the feasibility of such a rental car facility at ABIA. Allowing the rental car companies to take the lead in preparing a feasibility study will benefit from their collective experience and knowledge, and will result in delivery of the study in an expedited manner.

The feasibility study will include forecasts for public parking and rental car facilities, two different design concepts, public involvement, a construction phasing plan, construction cost estimates, affordability analyses and a project delivery plan. The rental car companies have agreed to perform the feasibility study at a cost not to exceed \$454,000. The rental car companies would be reimbursed for the cost of the study from surplus customer facility charge trust funds available for the planning and construction of new or additional rental car facilities at the airport. The study will be for the use and benefit of the Aviation Department, without any obligation on the part of the City to accept the recommendations of the study.

The rental car companies will comply fully with the City's M/WBE procurement program for third party contracts related to the design and construction of a new airport garage and rental car facility, including active outreach programs to identify and solicit qualified M/WBE subcontractors.