

AGENDA



Thursday, June 10, 2010

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 16**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$895,514 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Police Department Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 to appropriate \$895,514 for the enforcement component of the traffic safety grant program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$895,514 is available from the MCSAP High Priority Grant. A 20% match is required and will be met with existing staff salaries and benefits.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: David Carter, APD Chief of Staff/974-5030

Prior Council Action: April 30, 2009 Council acceptance of prior year grant.

The Austin Police Department (APD) recognizes the need to improve the safety on Austin's major corridors. The Motor Carrier Administration High Priority grant program will target aggressive driving and provides overtime funds for enforcement operations on the city's major corridors.

Through highly visible traffic enforcement and commercial vehicle safety inspection program in high-risk locations and corridors, APD will help reduce the unsafe driving practices of commercial and noncommercial drivers. APD's traffic enforcement will focus on hazardous driving on the five major corridors. Officers will work eight special initiatives over the 12-month period. Each initiative (included in timeline) will allow for two 7-hour shifts per day (10 officers per shift) to conduct traffic enforcement with a focus on aggressive driving. This grant will also fund an evaluation of the impact of the program.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.