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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	8486	Agenda Number	5.
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Meeting Date:	9/22/2011	Department:	Communications and Technology Mgmt
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## Subject

Authorize execution of a 12-month Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS) Associate Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Austin Community College (ACC), beginning on October 1, 2011, with up to ten one-year renewal options and a service fee paid to the City to permit the connection of ACC's radios and dispatch consoles to the GATRRS and to authorize ACC's use of the GATRRS for primary public safety voice radio communications.

## Amount and Source of Funding

A monthly fee will be paid by ACC to the City for every active radio they have on the system, the fee to be adjusted annually as costs warrant. The monthly fee for the first year of service, which ends September 30, 2012, is \$24.63 per radio, for a total estimated payment by ACC of \$30,442.68.

## Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Chuck Brotherton, Wireless Manager, 927-3209
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

The City of Austin is a founding partner of the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System and a signatory to the Interlocal Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of the Regional Radio System ("GATRSS O&M Interlocal"). That agreement authorizes each of the GATRRS Coalition partners, which today consist of City of Austin, Travis County, Austin Independent School District and University of Texas, to sponsor "RRS Associates" which are now "GATRRS Associates," who will be authorized by separate interlocal agreement to use the GATRRS for their public safety voice radio communications. Each GATRRS Associate utilizes a portion of the sponsoring GATRRS Coalition partner's share of system capacity and pays that partner a monthly fee for each radio the GATRRS Associate activates on the system.

Under this arrangement, Travis County to date has sponsored eleven Travis County Emergency Services Districts and nine municipalities as GATRRS Associates. Austin Community College (ACC) desires to use the GATRRS for its public safety voice radio communications and has asked the City for sponsorship. Because ACC's main campus and

police department headquarters are within Austin's city limits, it makes sense for the City to be the sponsoring party. The City's share of GATRRS capacity will allow for this sponsorship. If ACC is a GATRRS user, this will enhance the ability of ACC's police department to communicate, or "interoperate," with Austin Police, D, Austin Fire, and Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Service as well as the other local and regional public safety agencies that utilize the GATRRS. This interoperability will be a benefit to all of these agencies as well as the public.

The monthly per-radio fee that will be charged to ACC for this access is \$24.63. This figure is based on the City's share of the GATRRS Operation and Maintenance Fiscal Year 11 budget as indicated in the attached Exhibit G to the GATRRS O&M Interlocal:

- City's share of the total GATRRS O&M budget, per the GATRRS O&M Interlocal, is 55.68% or \$1,965,714.
- City's allocation of radios, per the original GATRRS implementation, is 6,650 (approximately 55.68% of 12,000 radios).
- \$1,965,714 divided by 6,650 equals \$295.60 per radio for the year.
- \$295.60 divided by 12 months equals \$24.63 per radio per month.

The monthly fee may change each year as the GATRRS O&M budget, and the City's share of that budget, changes and any capital costs are added. The City will notify ACC by June 1st each year of the coming fiscal year's estimated budget and per-radio monthly charge for use of the radio system.