

A G E N D A



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	28597	Agenda Number	39.
---------------------	---------	-------	---------------	-----

Meeting Date:	11/21/2013	Department:	Transportation
---------------	------------	-------------	----------------

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement between the City and the Capital Area Council of Governments to provide funding and extend the City's involvement in clean air programs, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20120524-077 and Council Briefing 03/21/2013.
For More Information:	Robert Spillar, 512-974-2488; Pharr Andrews, 512-974-6476; Gilda Powers, 512-974-7092.
Boards and Commission Action:	Approved by the Environmental Board on 02/20/13 on a 6/0/0/1 vote with Board Member Walker absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In response to Resolution No. 20120524-077 on March 21, 2013, Council received a briefing from the Transportation Department Air Quality Program. The briefing contained nine recommended improvements to the Air Quality Program. One of the nine recommendations was to support the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) and the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC) in expanding its role of regional coordination for air quality programs in Central Texas. This would reduce duplication of efforts and focus regional funding into a single and effective governing body for planning, analysis, and implementation.

Capital Area Council of Government's Air Quality Program provides technical assistance and information to area businesses, government entities and community groups on regional air quality issues, with particular emphasis on pollution related to ground-level ozone. Program efforts are directed at gaining a better understanding of the sources and extent of regional air quality problems by operating air monitoring stations, estimating and modeling emissions and evaluating emission reduction measures to develop effective strategies for the area. The CAPCOG Air Quality Program also provides support for the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and the CAC Advisory Committee which is

comprised of 14 elected officials from the five-county Austin-Round Rock metropolitan statistical area who facilitate the ongoing regional initiative to reduce ozone pollution.

If approved, the agreement would provide funding for CAPCOG Air Quality Program to:

- Implement regional measures identified in the Ozone Advance Plan
- Coordinate region-wide marketing, outreach, and education efforts
- Regional fleet management initiatives
- Expand monitoring and modeling efforts
- Develop resources to improve local plan implementation

The agreement will fund CAPCOG programs in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for a 12 month period.