

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 36764 Agenda Number 10.

Meeting Date: 10/16/2014 Department: Planning and Development Review

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Authorize payment of the City's membership fees for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to the Greater Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of both Planning and Development Review and Austin Transportation Departments.

Fiscal Note	
Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	2007 - 2013: Council approved payment of membership fees in the amount of \$50,000. October 17, 2013 – Council approved increased payment of membership fees in the amount of \$100,000.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This action will authorize continuance of the City's membership in the Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council (ASACC) for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The Corridor Council requested a temporary increase in membership dues from the cities of Austin and San Antonio from \$50,000 to \$100,000 due to increases in operating costs and mission expansion in Fiscal Year 2014. In August 2014, the Corridor Council requested to increase the membership dues to \$100,000 permanently.

The ASACC is a private non-profit corporation composed of members from the region's business and private sectors. Its membership includes 15 local governments and 60 private firms and individuals. The Corridor Council was formed in 1983 with the purpose of promoting the region's economic development, and promoting the long range planning and coordination that is necessary to ensure that growth provides the widest possible benefit and least possible damage to the region. The ASACC continues those stated purposes through regional economic development efforts and an ongoing involvement in regional infrastructure planning and implementation. Member organizations are required to pay annual dues.