

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	37475	Agenda Number	75.
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Meeting Date:	11/20/2014	Department:	Telecommunications and Reg Affairs
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**Subject**

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to contribute up to \$312,000 from fees collected by the City from Austin’s cable providers for public, educational, and governmental access channels for AISD’s purchase of equipment necessary for the operation of the AISD educational access channel.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the FY 2014-2015 capital budget of the Austin Cable Access Fund.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is not required.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

**Additional Backup Information**

In accordance with each cable company’s state-issued franchise, the City of Austin receives fees from each cable provider serving the Austin area to pay for capital expenses related to the operation of Austin’s public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access channels. The annual PEG fee contribution from the cable providers is currently \$1.8 – 2.0 million.

AISD operates and manages one of Austin’s educational access channels. AISD has presented to the City, a need for extensive upgrades to its TV production systems for that educational channel. When completed, the total cost of the new systems will be approximately \$1.7 million. City Council designated \$312,000 in PEG fees during the FY15 budget process to contribute to this project. The entire purchase will be directed by AISD.

Staff is seeking approval to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with AISD for the allocation of up to \$312,000 towards the AISD PEG equipment purchase. This contribution from the City to AISD meets the intent of Resolution 20110217-048 adopted by the City Council in February 2011 directing the City Manager to collaborate with AISD on budget partnership options.