

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	38228	Agenda Number	90.
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Meeting Date:	12/11/2014	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-agency memorandum of regional cooperation to facilitate effective and efficient traffic incident management in area roadways.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Austin region experiences high traffic volumes throughout our regional network. Blockage of roadway lanes due to traffic accidents, disabled vehicles, or other incidents frequently result in substantial and detrimental impact on the movement of traffic, not only in the immediate vicinity of the blockage but also over a considerable portion of the highway system and adjacent local streets. Furthermore, the blockage of roadway lanes has a substantial and detrimental impact on the safety of both incident response personnel and motorists.

State and local jurisdictions and private industry have established and desire to maintain a high level of interagency communication and regional cooperation through the Austin-area Incident Management for Highways (AIM-High) forum. This Memorandum of Regional Cooperation is to indicate the City of Austin support and participation in the following:

- Maintain and promote a safe, quick incident clearance philosophy whenever a highway or lane is partially closed, or blocked by a crash or incident

- Maintain and promote participation of regional public safety and transportation agency and private industry personnel in bimonthly AIMHigh meetings'
- pursue implementation opportunities for priority traffic incident management tools and strategies identified in the AIMHigh Traffic Incident Management Strategic Plan

It is anticipated that the following agencies and organizations will be participants: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of Austin, City of Georgetown, City of Kyle, City of Pflugerville, City of Round Rock, Bastrop County, Hays County, Travis County, Williamson County, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin Towing Association, and Highway Emergency Response Operators (HERO) Program Contractors.

The Memorandum of Regional Cooperation does not include any requirements or provisions for expenditures other than staff labor.