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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	51781	Agenda Number	6.
Meeting Date:	11/12/2015	Department:	Communications and Public Information Office	
Subject				
Authorize execution of an amendment to the Conversation Corps interlocal agreement relating to community engagement to add Travis County as a participating party.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Fiscal Note				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	April 23, 2015: Council approved execution of the interlocal agreement with the City, Austin Independent School District, and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority			
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

In mid-2014, the Communications and Public Information Office (CPIO) began discussions with Austin Independent School District (AISD), the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro), and Leadership Austin to develop a community-based engagement program that would utilize trained volunteers to moderate neighborhood-based discussions on topics critical to the three partner agencies. The program is designed to:

- build community engagement capacity throughout Austin;
- increase the civic infrastructure and social capital in Austin;
- increase the capacity of all agencies to get feedback from individuals that may otherwise be disengaged; and
- increase the capacity of all agencies to gain regionally-distributed feedback as part of their engagement programs.

On April 23, 2015, Council approved the execution of an interlocal agreement between the City, AISD, and Capital Metro.

This amended and restated interlocal adds Travis County to the interlocal agreement and formalizes the relationship among the four partner agencies to guide and fund the pilot program, and assigns Leadership Austin as the non-profit administrator of the program. Because this is an interlocal agreement among public agencies, Council is required to take action authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter in to the agreement.

Leadership Austin has already trained 48 facilitators for the program, representing all Council districts.