

## AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting: May 24, 2018**

Item Number: **033**

### Transportation

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with the Capital Area Council of Governments to provide funding and extend the City's involvement in Commute Solutions Programs, in an amount not to exceed \$51,000.

<b>Lead Department</b>	Austin Transportation Department
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding in the amount of \$51,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget.
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### Additional Backup Information:

The purpose of Commute Solutions Coalition, hosted by the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG), is to provide a “one-stop” transportation demand management resource in the Central Texas area. Both private and public sector employers have access to resources including training for employee transportation coordinators, comprehensive regional commute website, ride matching/data collection tool, and regional trip reduction contests and incentives. The Commute Solutions program includes key transportation demand management solution that are vital to address transportation challenges in the City of Austin.

Funding the Commute Solutions program can help advance numerous goals and objectives that City of Austin has articulated in the Imagine Austin Plan and will help the region meet congestion reduction performance targets. By increasing awareness of and use of commuting options the Commute Solutions

program can:

- Improve safety by shifting commuting trips from higher-risk single-occupancy vehicle modes to much safer mass transit modes and avoiding commute trips altogether through telecommuting
- Reduce congestion and increase reliability for both commuter trips and freight trips by reducing the number of single-occupancy vehicle trips on high-congestion roadways during peak periods of congestion
- Reduce the impact of the transportation system on health and the environment by reducing emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), volatile organic compounds (VOC), fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>); and by reducing fuel consumption
- Improving the region's economic competitiveness by improving mobility within the region and helping reduce the risks that the region will get designated a "nonattainment" area for a National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

If approved, CAPCOG shall use funds provided by the City of Austin to support one or more of the following specific Commute Solutions Projects, as funding allows, and in priority order, are:

1. Providing a region-wide emergency ride home (ERH) service to users of the MyCommuteSolutions.com ride-tracking platform;
2. Rebranding of the Commute Solution program;
3. Update to the Commute Solutions website ([www.commutesolution.com](http://www.commutesolution.com));
4. Development and purchase of Commute solutions marketing items; and
5. Hosting of Commute Solutions lunch-and-learn outreach events.

Approval of this agreement does not obligate or prohibit the City from funding the program beyond the one year term.