



**RCA
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3
AGENDA DATE: Thu 01/15/2004
RCA TYPE: Resolution not Required
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SUBJECT: Approve negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement for Engineering Services and Construction setting out terms under which the City of Austin's (City) Water Utility would assist Travis County by engineering, designing and performing construction activities for water system improvements in Plover Place Road to serve low income communities and colonias.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Austin Water Utility **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: **AUTHORIZATION:** Chris Lippe

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Reynaldo Cantu, 972-0240; Laura Wiley, 972-0104

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Council approved Resolution No. 030612-87 on 6-12-03

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by Water and Wastewater Commission

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

The County was awarded a grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to allow first time water services to approximately 10 residential homes along Plover Place Road. Because all of the residents to be served by the water project are of low to moderate income, the County cannot, according to HUD regulations, require residents to pay tap fees and capital recovery fees. The County felt that without some assistance from the City, they would not be able to proceed with the project because of limited funds to complete the construction and pay the required fees. On June 12, 2003, the County approached the City Council seeking Council approval of a waiver of the tap fees and capital recovery fees for the homes that would be connected to the water improvements. Instead of approving the waiver of tap fees and capital recovery fees, the Council directed the Austin Water Utility (Utility) to work with Travis County on a cost-sharing plan.

Under the proposed Interlocal Agreement, the County would pay the City \$138,000 of the \$189,820 grant money for the construction of ~3,700 feet of 8 inch water main to cover the cost of labor and materials. The Utility will be responsible for engineering design, project management and surveying cost. estimated at \$12,500. The County has determined that 10 homes qualify for the grant for water service and will pay \$14,638.40 in matching funds towards the cost of tap and capitol recovery fees. The County will use the remaining \$51,820 for administrating the grant, final roadway trench repair, private water service installation, legal lot determination and easement acquisition.

It is anticipated that the 30 year net present value for this area will be \$43,875.

No. 091003-F
WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION RESOLUTION
**APPROVE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING
SERVICES SETTING OUT TERMS UNDER WHICH THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S WATER AND
WASTEWATER UTILITY WOULD ASSIST TRAVIS COUNTY BY ENGINEERING, DESIGNING AND
PREPARING PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS IN PLOVER PLACE ROAD
TO SERVE LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES AND COLONIAS**

September 10, 2003
REGULAR MEETING
VOTE: 6-0-0-1

Motion made by: Lee
Commissioners Consenting: McKee, Kirfman, Friese, Coleman, Warner
Commissioners Dissenting:
Commissioners Abstaining:
Commissioners Absent: Miller

The Water and Wastewater Commission recommends the Council approve negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement for Engineering Services setting out terms under which the City of Austin's (City) Water and Wastewater Utility would assist Travis County by engineering, designing and preparing project specifications for water improvements in Plover Place Road to serve low income communities and colonias.



Darwin McKee, Chairperson
Water and Wastewater Commission

09/10/03
Date