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**SUBJECT:** Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, Austin, TX, to allow all City employees to use Capital Metro's transportation services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$500,000.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Proposed Operating Budget of the Electric Utility Department. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

**REQUESTING** Purchasing  
**DEPARTMENT:**for Human Resources;  
Austin Energy;

**DIRECTOR'S**  
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**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** 4/22/04-Approved interlocal agreement for commuter passes for the City of Austin Commuter Pass Program.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A**

**PURCHASING:** Interlocal Agreement.

**MBE / WBE: N/A**

As part of the City's Clean Air Initiative and as an additional benefit for City staff, this interlocal agreement will enable all City employees to use approved Capital Metro transportation services free anytime, simply by presenting a valid City employee identification card. Capital Metro will monitor, compile, analyze and report back to the City regarding the ridership data on the use of services. It is expected that the program's easy-to-use approach will result in a significant increase in usage by City employees, thereby helping to minimize the negative impact on air quality that results from automobile emissions. The agreement also supports the City's goal of voluntary automobile trip reductions.

This agreement supercedes the previous agreement with Capital Metro regarding the City of Austin Commuter Pass Program. That program historically allowed City employees to purchase Capital Metro passes at discounted rates for public transportation to commute to and from work. The Commuter Pass Program was implemented in 1978 and was primarily initiated to relieve traffic congestion, improve air quality and open up additional parking spaces in the downtown area. Approximately 5,000 passes were sold to City employees each year, with the City subsidizing part of the cost of the passes.

This agreement will be effective on October 1, 2004, and is entered into under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperative Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.