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AGENDA

Thursday, June 22, 2006

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**Austin Energy
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$4,500 in grant funds from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Commission (CAMPO); and amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Austin Energy Department Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$4,500 for Commute Solutions Innovator Grant Assistance funding.

Amount and Source of Funding: Grant funding of \$4,500 is available in Commute Solutions Innovator Grant Assistance Funding administered by CAMPO.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material

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- ☐ [EnvBoard Recommends](#)
- ☐ [Commute Solutions Fiscal Note](#)
- ☐ [Ordinance](#)

For More Information: Ester Matthews, Director, Local Government Issues / 322-6041; Pharr Andrews, Air Quality Program Manager / 482-5341.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Environmental Board.

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Commission (CAMPO) has awarded Commute Solutions Innovator Grant Assistance funding to the City of Austin in an amount not to exceed \$4500 to establish a Commute Solutions Month program targeted at City of Austin employees. This program encourages smart transportation choices by rewarding employees who exercise an alternative commute during the workday. By registering on the Intranet and logging an alternative commute, employees will be qualified to win various incentive prizes. The project is designed to help reduce the mobile source impact City of Austin employees have on air quality by promoting and encouraging the use of bus, carpools, vanpools, biking, and walking as alternative commute solutions.

Austin's Commute Solutions program, entitled "Walk, Bike, and Roll @ Work," is an innovative program created by the City's Air Quality staff to promote commute alternatives to City employees. Walk, Bike, and Roll will consist of a targeted marketing plan designed to educate and inform employees about how commute choices play an important role in the air quality of Central Texas. Employees will be challenged to reduce single occupancy vehicle (SOV) trips during the workday, with a focus on not restarting their vehicle after arriving at work, until the return trip home. For example, workday trips saved by bringing a sack lunch, carpooling to work, and using public transit for errands will all qualify as alternative commute trips. All employees participating in the program and reporting alternative commute trips will receive commute-related prizes based on the number of SOV trips avoided. The winner of the top prize for the most trips avoided will also be recognized at the Commute Solutions Month closing ceremony.



ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 060706-C1

Date: June 07, 2006

Subject: Austin Energy Commute Solutions Grant Proposal Air Quality Program

Motioned By: Bill Curra

Seconded By: Phil Moncada

Recommended Action

The Environmental Board recommends support with a resolution.

Board Conditions

Emphasis on long term and permanent implementation of this program so it doesn't wither after incentives go away.

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Rationale

The City of Austin's Austin Energy has demonstrated success from previous year's program.

Vote 6-0-0-2

For: Karin Ascot, Phil Moncada, William Curra, Rodney Ahart, Julie Jenkins and John Dupnik

Against:

Absent Dave Anderson and Mary G. Maxwell

Approved By:

Dave Anderson P.E., CFM
Environmental Board Chair

**OPERATING BUDGET
FISCAL NOTE**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

**6/22/2005
ORDINANCE
Austin Energy**

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Amended Budget 2005-2006</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2005-2006</u>
Commute Solutions Innovation			
Grant Term: 07/01/06 -10/31/06	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>

Source: \$4,500 grant funds is available from Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. The grant term is July 1, 2006 to October 31, 2006

Director, Finance Austin Energy J. E. Pokorny, CPA Date 6/15/2006

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS
AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 AUSTIN ENERGY
DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 20050912-001
TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes acceptance of \$4,500 in grant funds from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Commission.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Austin Energy Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$4,500 for Commute Solutions Innovator Grant Assistance funding.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2006.

PASSED AND APPROVED

2006
Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
David Allan Smith Shirley A. Gentry
City Attorney City Clerk