

AGENDA



Thursday, September 23, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 75

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month Interlocal Agreement with CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Capital Metro), Austin, TX to allow City employees to use Capital Metro's transportation services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$150,000, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$150,000 for each extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Employee Benefits Fund of the Human Resources 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.

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MBE/WBE: This Interlocal Agreement is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.

This Interlocal Agreement continues a long standing employee benefit, created by the City's Clean Air Initiative, which provides City employees access to Capital Metro transportation services. This program is entirely funded by the City's Employee Benefits Fund. The initial term of the contract is October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011. The four 12-month extension options, if exercised, will extend the term through September 30, 2015.

The three components of the services received include: Bus Service, MetroAccess Service (paratransit services), and RideShare Service (vanpools). The cost breakdown for each service is provided in the chart below. Contract prices have increased due to increased fare rates for Bus, MetroAccess (paratransit), and RideShare (vanpool) services.

Services	Estimated Cost
Bus Service	\$ 99,000 / year
MetroAccess Service	\$ 8,400 / year
RideShare Service	\$ 36,000 / year
Not to Exceed Amount	\$ 150,000 / year

During the 21-month period between October 2008 and June 2010, the City estimated employee ridership avoided the use of 86,534 gallons of gasoline, 762 metric tons of carbon dioxide in our air, and 1,653,484 miles traveled in a personal vehicle.

This contract will provide transportation passes to every City of Austin employee who wishes to use Capital Metro bus, MetroAccess, or RideShare services, significantly decreasing carbon emissions and resulting in more miles and gallons of gasoline avoided.

Capital Metro will monitor, compile, analyze, and report ridership data to the City each quarter for all services.

This Interlocal Agreement is authorized under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.