



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-1461, **Agenda Item #:** 3.

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal cooperation agreement with Pflugerville ISD to include Pflugerville ISD as an associate member of the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS), permitting its radios and dispatch consoles to connect to and use the City-managed GATRRS for primary voice radio, and permitting the City to provide repair and maintenance of Pflugerville ISD's portable, mobile, and console radios.

### **Lead Department:**

Communications and Technology Management, Wireless Services Division

### **Fiscal Note**

Fees for service are to be paid to the City of Austin by Pflugerville ISD on a monthly basis. The estimated revenue for these services is \$21,000 annually.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

City of Austin acts as program manager for the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System ("GATRRS"), which provides voice radio communications for most public safety agencies (police, sheriff, fire, emergency medical services) in the Austin-Travis County region.

As GATRRS program manager the City of Austin, through the Wireless Communications Services Division of Communications and Technology Management Department, has the ability to sponsor other local government organizations to become associate users on GATRRS. Pflugerville ISD-PD has asked that City of Austin sponsor their organization to become an associate user of GATRRS. Having Pflugerville ISD-PD as a GATRRS associate user benefits the City and Pflugerville ISD-PD by facilitating interoperable radio communications between City of Austin Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services, Travis County Sheriff, Pflugerville Fire Department and City of Pflugerville Police Department.

City of Austin also operates a full-service radio shop that provides installation, maintenance, and repair services to all City of Austin departments for two-way radios, mobile data computers, in-vehicle video/audio systems, sirens, light bars, antennas, and related equipment. As an internal service-funded division, CTM-Wireless recovers its costs for these services by invoicing the departments it serves. The City has agreements in place with several municipal governmental entities and political subdivisions, all of which utilize the GATRRS for voice radio communications, for vehicle equipment installation, configuration, and maintenance services.

The proposed interlocal agreement with Pflugerville ISD will provide this agency the same level of access and service already being delivered to GATRRS Associate users and small-city police and fire departments throughout Travis County. Pflugerville ISD will pay the City of Austin for services in accordance with a mutually agreed upon fee schedule.