

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	37788	Agenda Number	78.
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Meeting Date:	11/20/2014	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement between the City and the Capital Area Council of Governments to provide funding and extend the City's involvement in clean air programs, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20120524-077. Council Briefing on March 21, 2013.
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Boards and Commission Action:	February 20, 2013, recommended by the Environmental Board on a 6/0/0/1 with Board Member Walker absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

March 21, 2013, the City Council received a briefing from the Transportation Department Air Quality Program in response to Resolution No. 20120524-077. The briefing contained nine recommended improvements to the Air Quality Program. One of the nine recommendations was to support the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) and the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC) in expanding its role of regional coordination for air quality programs in Central Texas. This would reduce duplication of efforts and focus regional funding into a single and effective governing body for planning, analysis, and implementation.

Capital Area Council of Government's Air Quality Program provides technical assistance and information to area businesses, government entities and community groups on regional air quality issues, with particular emphasis on pollution related to ground-level ozone. Program efforts are directed at gaining a better understanding of the sources and extent of regional air quality problems by operating air monitoring stations, estimating and modeling emissions and evaluating emission reduction measures to develop effective strategies for the area. The CAPCOG Air Quality Program also provides support for the Central Texas Clean Air coalition (CAC) and the CAC Advisory Committee

which is comprised of 14 elected officials from the five-county Austin-Round Rock metropolitan statistical area who facilitate the ongoing regional initiative to reduce ozone pollution.

If approved, the agreement would provide funding for Capital Area Council of Governments air quality program to:

- Implement regional measures identified in the Ozone Advance Plan
- Coordinate region-wide marketing, outreach, and education efforts
- Regional fleet management initiatives
- Develop resources to improve local air quality plan implementation

Agreement to secure funding for Capital Area Council of Governments programs in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for a 12 month period. Approval of this agreement does not obligate or prohibit the City from funding the program beyond the one year term.