

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	46303	Agenda Number	9.
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Meeting Date:	6/18/2015	Department:	Communications and Technology Mgmt
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Subject

Authorize execution of a 12-month Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS) Associate Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, with two automatic 12 month renewals, with Texas Department of Transportation to permit its radios and dispatch console(s) to connect to and use the GATRRS for primary voice radio communications.

Amount and Source of Funding

A monthly fee will be paid by TXDOT to the City for every active radio they have on the system, the fee to be adjusted annually as costs warrant. The monthly fee for the first year of service, which ends April 30, 2016, is \$27.77 per radio, for a total estimated payment by TXDOT of \$152,735.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Chuck Brotherton, Wireless Manager, (512) 927-3209
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City of Austin is a founding partner of the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS) and a signatory to the Interlocal Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of the Regional Radio System GATRRS O&M Interlocal. That agreement authorizes each of the GATRRS Coalition partners, which includes City of Austin, Travis County, Austin Independent School District, and University of Texas, to sponsor "RRS (now GATRRS) Associates," which are authorized by separate interlocal agreement to use the GATRRS for their public safety voice radio communications. Each GATRRS Associate utilizes a portion of the sponsoring GATRRS Coalition partner's share of system capacity and pays that partner a monthly fee for each radio the GATRRS Associate activates on the system.

Under this arrangement, Travis County to date has sponsored eleven Travis County Emergency Services Districts and nine municipalities as GATRRS Associates, and City of Austin has sponsored St. Edward's University and Austin Community College. Now the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) desires to use the GATRRS for voice

radio communications in its Austin District and has asked the City for sponsorship. The GATRRS governing board has authorized this sponsorship, recognizing that allowing TXDOT to become a GATRRS user will enable APD, AFD, ATC-EMS, Transportation, and all other agencies that utilize the GATRRS to communicate with TXDOT as needed and during regional incidents and emergencies, greatly benefiting them and the public.

The monthly per-radio fee that will be charged to TXDOT for this access is \$27.77, calculated as follows:

- The proposed GATRRS operating budget for the coming fiscal year is \$3,999,587.
- The total radio allocation established in the 2004 GATRRS implementation is 12,000 units.
- $\$3,999,587 / 12,000 / 12 = \27.77 per radio per month.

The monthly fee may change each year as the GATRRS operating budget changes and any capital costs are added. The City will notify TXDOT by June 1st each year of the coming fiscal year's estimated budget and per-radio monthly charge for use of the radio system.