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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	51981	Agenda Number	21.
Meeting Date:	11/12/2015		Department:	Human Resources	
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Capital Metro) to allow City employees to use Capital Metro's transportation services in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for each extension option for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$300,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Employee Benefits Fund of the Human Resources Department. Funding for the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
For More Information:	Jonathan Dalchau, Senior Buyer, 512-974-2938.				
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:					
Related Items:					
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.				
Additional Backup Information					
<p>The City will continue to realize significant fare discounts by purchasing transit passes in bulk. The discounted price for each trip under this agreement is 35 to 45 percent lower than the full fare cost charged by Capital Metro.</p> <p>The initial term of the contract is January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016. The four extension options, if exercised, will extend the term through December 31, 2020. The total, not to exceed, annual amount is \$400,000 for each of the five years.</p> <p>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 Commuter benefit is an integral component of the initiative to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips by 20 percent. This agreement with Capital Metro 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.</p> <p>Components of the services received include: Bus and Rail Service, MetroAccess Service (paratransit services), and RideShare Service (vanpools). Cost for transit services increased over previous contract amount because of increased fares adopted by Capital Metro board.</p> <p>Capital Metro will monitor, compile, analyze, and report ridership data to the City each quarter for all services.</p>					