



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT MOBILITY COMMITTEE

Date: November 16, 2015

Agenda Item #: 3

Agenda Item: Chair briefing and committee discussion related to Rocky Mountain Institutes selection of Austin for their Mobility Transformation Project and a proposed agreement for the project.

Vote: On a 3-1 vote, with Council Member Don Zimmerman opposed, the committee voted to forward the item to full City Council with a recommendation to approve the proposed agreement.

Sponsors/Department: Austin Transportation Department

Summary of Discussion: Greg Rucks, with the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), provided details about the proposed co-development agreement (CDA) by and between the City of Austin and Rocky Mountain Institute, a non-profit corporation.

RMI and the City of Austin will collaborate to leverage the power of emerging technology and business innovation to expand and enhance mobility options, in turn reducing congestion, decreasing costs, improving equity, enhancing safety, reducing emissions, and ensuring continued economic growth for both parties.

Mr. Rucks listed the following program projects: 1) Interoperable transit data; 2) Mobility as a service; 3) Fleet electrification; 4) Autonomous vehicles; and 5) Mobility-oriented development.

In addition, Mr. Rucks also detailed the governance structure for the collaboration. The collaboration will be informed of program developments by the Joint Executive Team and will serve as a supportive body of community and industry leaders. The Advisory Council's meetings will be filmed and open to the public for comment. The Joint Executive Team will consist of leadership from Rocky Mountain Institute and the City of Austin. Each representative will sit on the Advisory Council and is responsible for facilitating communication of project updates in quarterly briefings. The Operational Leadership team is responsible for overseeing and ensuring the success of the five integrated project teams. This team enables crosscutting oversight of operations and regularly communicates progress to the Joint Executive Team.

RMI will fully cover its own expenses via its own funding sources. The City of Austin, the community and RMI will match contributions of City and community resources/cost toward the Mobility Transformation in coordination with existing priorities, programs and objectives.

Public Comments: N/A

Direction: The item will go to the full City Council on Nov. 19, 2015.

Recommendation: Council Member Delia Garza moved that the committee forward the item to Council with a recommendation to approve the proposed agreement. Council Member Sherri Gallo seconded the motion. On a 3-1 vote, with Council Member Don Zimmerman opposed, the committee voted to forward the item to Council with a recommendation to approve the proposed agreement.