



## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT MOBILITY COMMITTEE**

**Date:** February 3, 2016

**Agenda Item #:** 4

**Agenda Item:** Discussion and possible action on the Austin Transportation Department's proposed \$250,000 contract with Center for Transportation Research to provide services including multimodal traffic data management, identify data analytics, develop dynamic traffic and transit modeling, and research various best practices for communication of travel information to various users.

**Vote:** On a 3-1 vote, the Mobility Committee voted to forward the item to Council without a recommendation.

**Sponsors/Department:** Austin Transportation Department (ATD)

ATD Assistant Director Jim Dale explained that the UT Center for Transportation Research (CTR) is one of the leading universities-based transportation research centers in the world. CTR currently contracts with: TxDOT; U.S. Dept. of Transportation; CAMPO; Dept. of Homeland Security; Federal Rail Administration; Federal Highway Administration; and more. The interlocal agreement would be for five years, at an authorized cost of \$500,000/year. If an agreement is put in place, initial projects include establishing performance metrics for the Traffic Management Center; developing a data warehouse with urban analytics and an open data portal; travel demand management for data analysis; and best practices for safety and mobility project prioritization and ROW permit fees.

**Public Comments:** None

**Direction:** The item will go to full City Council on Feb. 25, 2016.

**Recommendation:** On a 3-1 vote, the Mobility Committee voted to forward an item to Council without a recommendation, therefore no other information regarding a recommendation is available.