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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	63805	Agenda Number	40.
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Meeting Date:	11/3/2016	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Austin Transportation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20160914-001) to accept \$26,022 grant funds from the Capital Area Council of Governments Regional Air Quality Grant Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Austin Transportation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20160914-002) to transfer in and appropriate the grant funds to purchase a tool to track data for the City's program to reduce employee commutes in motor vehicles and improve employee health, reduce vehicle emissions, and increase parking availability at City buildings.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$26,022 is available from the Capital Area Council of Governments. A City of Austin funding match is not required.

Fiscal Note

Fiscal notes are attached detailing the amendments to the Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund and Capital Budget.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20120524-077.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) is developing a new component to its Employee Commute Trip Reduction Program called Healthy Commute that aims to help employees take alternative transportation commutes regularly (transit, carpool, vanpool, bike, walk, telework). Healthy Commute will build upon the commitments made in the regional Ozone Advance Program Action Plan by further reducing environmental emissions from motor vehicles. Additionally, the program is expected to help improve employee health, reduce traffic congestion, and increase parking availability at City buildings.

ATD is seeking approval to accept grant funding from CAPCOG's Regional Air Quality Grant to purchase a multi-modal tracking tool that will complement the Healthy Commute effort. The efficient collection of timely and reliable commute data from employees is essential to the success of the City's Employee Commute Trip Reduction Program.

It is expected that emission reductions will be calculated based on data entered into and reported through the multi-modal tracking tool.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Austin Transportation Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.