

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 63518 Agenda Number 11.

Meeting Date: 12/8/2016 Department: Transportation

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending Exhibit A to the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 City of Austin Fee Schedule Ordinance No. 20160914-003 to set administrative fees and rental fees for considering, approving, monitoring, and licensing the use of right of way and transportation infrastructure by wireless service providers for small cell networks.

Amount and Source of Funding

Revenue in the amount of \$250,000 is estimated to be realized for renting the locations in the City of Austin's right-of-way.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

| Purchasing Language: | |
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| Prior Council Action: | Ordinance No. 20160914-003. |
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| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action: | |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Transportation Department (ATD), as part of the Wireless Communications Policy and Procedures Task Force, has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Austin to allow wireless providers to attach small cell antennae to traffic signal infrastructure. Small cell antennae will increase cell capacity and reduce areas of insufficient cell service. The initial phase of small cell installations will occur in the downtown area only. Subsequent phases with wider service areas will be implemented at a later date.

Amendments to the 2016-2017 Transportation Fee Schedule will allow ATD to include application and user fees for installation of antennae on City equipment and for use of the right-of-way. The fees established are fair and in-line with industry standards.