

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	74383	Agenda Number	47.
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Meeting Date:	9/28/2017	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with the Capital Area Council of Governments to provide funding as part of the Ozone Advance Program, a clean air program, in an amount not to exceed \$108,304.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$108,304 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. There is no financial impact for this item. A fiscal note is not required.

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

Additional Backup Information

Capital Area Council of Government’s (CAPCOG) Air Quality Program provides technical assistance and information to area businesses, government entities and community groups on regional air quality issues, with particular emphasis on pollution related to ground-level ozone. Program efforts are directed at gaining a better understanding of the sources and extent of regional air quality problems by operating air monitoring stations, estimating and modeling emissions and evaluating emission reduction measures to develop effective strategies for the area. The CAPCOG Air Quality Program also provides support for the Central Texas Clean Air coalition (CAC) and the CAC Advisory Committee which is comprised of 20 elected officials from the five-county Austin-Round Rock metropolitan statistical area who facilitate the ongoing regional initiative to reduce ozone pollution.

The City of Austin has committed to support the Capital Area Council of Governments and the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition in expanding its role of regional coordination for air quality programs in Central Texas. The purpose of this interlocal agreement is to provide funding to fulfill the City’s commitments as part of the Ozone Advance Program through its conclusion in December 2018, and to help ensure that the region remains in compliance with

federal standards. Activities will include:

- Central Texas Clean Air Coalition support
- Preparation of Ozone Advance Program Report
- Implementation of the regional Commute Solutions Program
- Outreach and Education Activities
- Ozone Season Monitoring
- Technical Air Quality Activities
- Development of a new voluntary Air Quality Action Plan

It is expected that the activities outlined above will:

- Support research, analysis, and coordination of all air quality-related functions of the Clean Air Coalition,
- Sustain regions existing effort and commitment related to EPA's Ozone Advance Plan,
- Operate ozone and meteorological air monitoring at its eight continuous air monitoring stations (CAMS) from during the 2018 Ozone Season,
- Continue to encourage the general public to take actions to reduce ozone-forming emissions and use alternative commuting options, and
- Ensure the vulnerable members of the community have enough information about ozone to protect themselves from exposure to high ozone levels when they occur in the region.

Approval of this agreement does not obligate or prohibit the City from funding the program beyond the one year term.