

RESOLUTION NO. 20190425-047

WHEREAS, compliance with federal air quality standards is critical to protecting public health, the environment, economic growth, and flexibility in transportation planning in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) has estimated that violating federal air quality standards could cause Central Texas to lose \$24 - \$42 billion in economic growth over the next three decades; and

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown metro area continues to face challenges with compliance with federal air quality standards, particularly for ground-level ozone (O₃); and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is a member of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition of CAPCOG, an association of local governments and other organizations dedicated to maintaining compliance with federal air quality standards and improving air quality in Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Coalition has adopted a voluntary regional air quality plan for 2019-2023 to help keep the region in compliance with federal air quality standards and otherwise help minimize public health and environmental impacts of regional air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdictions participating in the Clean Air Coalition have provided financial support for CAPCOG's regional air quality program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, as a result in the loss of state funding for the program; and

WHEREAS, financial support from the City of Austin for CAPCOG's air quality program in fiscal year 2020 is necessary for CAPCOG to implement the scope of work approved by the Clean Air Coalition to support the 2019-2023 regional air quality plan;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council of the City of Austin directs the City Manager to identify funding options in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget that could support the Capital Area Council of Governments Air Quality Program in the amount of \$155,824.

ADOPTED: April 25, 2019

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk