



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-6090, **Agenda Item #:** 8.

11/21/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of interlocal agreements with the following independent school districts: Manor, Pflugerville, Del Valle, and Lake Travis, Austin Community College, Texas State University, City of Texarkana, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and Texas Division of Emergency Management to permit their radio systems, dispatch consoles, and other related communications equipment to connect to the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS) Master Site to facilitate interoperable and seamless radio communications with GATRRS users, each with an initial term of up to 12 months with automatic annual renewals unless terminated by one of the parties. Funding: This item has no fiscal impact.

Lead Department

Communications and Technology Management.

Fiscal Note

If it is determined by the CTM-Wireless Communication Services Division that an outside entity's connection to, and use of, the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System Master Site results in a cost to the City, the outside entity will reimburse the City.

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Additional Backup Information:

The City and its partners in the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS) provide leadership for a multi-jurisdictional Project 25 (P25), interoperable 700 MHz/800 MHz trunked radio communications system. In 2005, a \$6,000,000 federal grant to the City provided a substantial upgrade to the GATRRS Master Site, with the stated purpose to include the hosting of other government jurisdiction radio systems into a common wide-area system to improve radio communications interoperability for day-to-day operations, mutual aid, and critical incident operations among government agencies. Interoperability is defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as, "the ability of emergency response agencies to talk to one another via communication systems-to exchange voice and/or data with one another on demand, in real time, when needed, and as authorized."

These interlocal agreements will allow the outside government entities listed below to connect into an interoperable platform. Costs related to connection of the outside entities to the GATRRS Master Site will be borne by the outside entities at no expense to the City or the other GATRRS partners. The outside entities will pay for their own radio system operation and maintenance costs as well as services to be performed by the City at the request of the outside entities.

Interlocal agreements for GATRRS Master Site use are proposed for the following government entities:

- Manor Independent School District
- Pflugerville Independent School District
- Del Valle Independent School District
- Lake Travis Independent School District
- Austin Community College

- Texas State University
- City of Texarkana
- Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Texas Division of Emergency Management