



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2192, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

8/27/2026

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for the purchase of anti-vehicle mobile barriers and associated equipment, to enhance pedestrian safety during downtown activities, special events, and emergency operations, for Austin Police with Meridian Rapid Defense Group LLC d/b/a Meridian Rapid Defense Group Sales, LLC, for an initial term of two years with up to three one-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$550,000. Funding: \$9,167 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Police. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Austin Financial Services.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$9,167 is available in the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget of Austin Police.

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Procurement Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. Austin Financial Services and Austin Police have determined this contractor best meets the needs of Austin Police to provide these goods required for the City.

MBE/WBE:

Cooperative Agreement contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the purchase of Archer 1200 anti-vehicle mobile barriers and associated equipment. The barriers are used by Austin Police to enhance pedestrian safety during downtown activities, special events, and emergency operations. These temporary, portable vehicle barriers are designed to protect people and critical infrastructure by stopping unauthorized vehicle access at entry points and roadways.

These crash-tested systems are designed to provide protection against vehicle-based threats. They have been rigorously tested and certified to the highest international standards for vehicle security and roadway safety, including U.S. Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act certification. The barriers can be rapidly deployed, making them suitable for temporary set-ups on various types of terrain.

Austin Police currently has a limited number of barriers. This contract will allow the department to purchase additional barriers and related equipment as needed to increase inventory or replace damaged items.

The U.S. General Services Administration is a cooperative purchasing association recognized under Texas procurement statutes. Cooperative associations, themselves or using a lead government, competitively solicit and award contracts that are eligible for use by other qualified state and local governments. Due to their substantial volumes, larger than any one government could achieve independently, cooperative contracts routinely include superior terms, conditions, and pricing. Use of cooperative contracts also results in lower administrative costs and time savings.

A delay in contract approval could impact the City's ability to enhance pedestrian safety and protect Austin residents and tourists against vehicle-based threats during public events.

Contract Details:		
Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	2 years	\$220,000
Optional Extension 1	1 year	\$110,000
Optional Extension 2	1 year	\$110,000
Optional Extension 3	1 year	\$110,000
Total	5 years	\$550,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.