



*Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors Resolution
Meeting Date: 7/19/2023
ATP-2023-015
Interlocal Agreement to join H-GAC and MAPT
for Cooperative Purchasing*

Subject: Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or their designee, to enter into all necessary interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (“MAPT”) and Houston-Galveston Area Council (“HGAC”), to allow ATP to join and participate in the Cooperative Purchasing Programs of each organization.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact.

Business Case: This interlocal agreement establishes a purchasing cooperative made up of local government entities. The agreement will allow Austin Transit Partnership to purchase goods and services under a large pool of contracts that have been competitively procured by other cooperative members, which has the potential to expedite purchases, provide lower prices for goods and services, and avoid duplication of efforts.

Responsible Department: Procurement.

Executive Summary: The purpose of the interlocal agreement is to streamline and simplify compliance with Texas Local Government Code, Ch. 791, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, which authorizes local government entities to enter into interlocal agreements, by establishing a collective or cooperative purchasing agreement, under Texas Government Code Chapter 271. Under the purchasing cooperative, members may authorize and access one another’s cooperative contracts, eliminating the need to execute and maintain multiple interlocal agreements with each member individually. ATP staff intend to initially use the MAPT and H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Programs for entering contracts for recruitment services.

Procurement Summary: Using cooperative agreements will create procurement efficiencies by streamlining the purchase process, saving both time and money. The cooperatives have gone through the procurement process and selected qualified vendors. There is no cost to join and joining does not create a purchasing obligation or liability. Any purchases above the administrative approval level will be brought to the Board for approval.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Summary: N/A



RESOLUTION OF THE AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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WHEREAS, purchasing cooperatives between and among local government entities in the State of Texas have been shown to improve competition, quality, services, provide lower prices for materials and services, and avoid duplication of effort; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, authorizes local governments to contract, to the greatest possible extent, with one another and agencies of the State of Texas or similar agency of another state; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code permits local governments to form purchasing cooperatives to engage in cooperative purchasing for the benefit of all parties; and

WHEREAS, by entering into the Cooperative Purchasing Program with Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team ("MAPT") and Houston-Galveston Area Council ("HGAC"), Austin Transit Partnership will become a member of the Cooperatives and gain access to a large pool of competitively procured contracts, which has the potential to expedite purchases, provide lower prices for goods and services, and avoid duplication of efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors that the Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to enter into all necessary interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with MAPT and HGAC, to allow ATP to join and participate in the Cooperative Purchasing Programs of each organization.

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Brandon Carr
Secretary of the Board

7/24/2023

Date