



SUBJECT: Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an interlocal agreement with certain local governments for the purpose of participating in cooperative procurement opportunities via the Texas Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact.

BUSINESS CASE: This interlocal agreement establishes a purchasing cooperative made up of local government entities. Currently, the members of the cooperative are Travis County, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and the City of Austin. 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.

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 master 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.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: Procurement

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 qualified vendors. There is no cost to join and joining does not create a purchasing obligation or liability.

ATP will follow the guidelines of its procurement policy in relation to purchasing from the various cooperatives. ATP will also be responsible for making sure that any purchase orders have applicable clauses for local, state, and federal procurements. ATP will also be responsible for making sure that the purchase orders comply with minority participation goals.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

STATE OF TEXAS

Resolution ID: ATP-2021-007

Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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; 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;

WHEREAS, the Texas Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative is a purchasing cooperative made up of local government members that allows members to purchase goods and services under other members' competitively procured contracts; and

WHEREAS, by entering into the Master Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, an interlocal agreement with the other local government members of the Texas Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative, Austin Transit Partnership will become a member of the Cooperative 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 the Master Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the purpose of participating in cooperative procurement opportunities via the Texas Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative.



**Casey Burack
Secretary of the Board**

Date: 2/25/2021

