



Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors Resolution
Meeting Date: 1/29/2025
ATP-2025-001

Enter Resolution Approval of a resolution authorizing ATP to join and participate in the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program

Subject: Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or their designee, to enter into a Master Interlocal Purchasing Agreement (“ILA”) with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (“NCTCOG”), to allow Austin Transit Partnership (“ATP”) to join and participate in the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program (“TXShare”).

Fiscal Impact: None.

Executive Summary: This interlocal agreement with NCTCOG will allow ATP to purchase goods and services under a large pool of contracts that have been competitively procured by other cooperative members of TXShare, which has the potential to expedite purchases, provide lower prices for goods and services, and avoid duplication of efforts.

The purpose of cooperative programs is to streamline and simplify compliance with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 791, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, which authorizes local government entities to enter interlocal agreements, by establishing a collective or master cooperative purchasing agreement. Under the master cooperative purchasing agreement, members may access one another’s cooperative contracts, eliminating the need to separately compete contracts, and eliminating the need to execute and maintain multiple interlocal agreements with each member individually to access each other’s contracts.

ATP intends to initially use TXShare for entering contracts for administrative services to include Human Resources and financial services support.

Procurement Summary: Using cooperative agreements will create procurement efficiencies by streamlining the purchase process, saving both time and money. The cooperative contracts have gone through the procurement process in accordance with Texas laws and qualified vendors have been selected. There is no cost to join and joining does not create a purchasing obligation or liability.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Summary: It is not anticipated that federal funds will be used on any purchase from this cooperative contract program. As a result, the DBE program does not apply.



RESOLUTION OF THE AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STATE OF TEXAS ATP-2025-001
COUNTY OF TRAVIS Approval of a resolution authorizing ATP to join and participate in the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program

WHEREAS, purchasing cooperatives between and among local government entities in the State of Texas have been shown to improve competition, quality, and services, while providing lower prices for materials and services, and avoiding 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 TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program ("TXShare") with the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Austin Transit Partnership ("ATP") will become a member of TXShare and gain access to a large pool of competitively procured contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors that the Executive Director, or their designee, is hereby authorized to enter into all necessary interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreements, including the Master Interlocal Purchasing Agreement, with the North Central Texas Council of Governments, to allow ATP to join and participate in the TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

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Brandon Carr
Secretary of the Board

1/30/2025 | 9:17 AM PST
Date