



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Action Item for the City Council Meeting November 10, 2020

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Interlocal Agreement P25 Upgrade of Radio System and an Ordinance for the Appropriation of Funds

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to pay for the P25 Public Safety Radio System Upgrade; appropriating \$608,000 of anticipated revenue from Nueces County and \$192,000 of anticipated revenue from the RTA in the Police Building CIP Fund; and amending the FY 2021 budget adopted by Ordinance No. 032203 by increasing revenues and expenditures by \$800,000 each.

SUMMARY:

The City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, and RTA are owners of the Public Safety Radio System. The upgrade to P25 will address issues in coverage, infrastructure, connectivity, redundancy, and security. The existing radio system has reached end of life, which dictates that the equipment and infrastructure must be replaced. The City of Corpus Christi will appropriate funding received from the County and RTA into the Police Building CIP Fund.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

P25 is the latest radio protocol standard used internationally. The City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, and RTA are updating the current radio system to improve coverage, reliability, interoperability and replace current infrastructure that has reached end of life. This upgrade requires additional infrastructure, software, antennas and other equipment necessary to sustain the upgraded radio system. Project timeline and milestones will be developed within 45 days of execution of this Interlocal Agreement.

This Interlocal Agreement provides for the City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, and the RTA to share the costs of the P25 upgrade to the Public Safety Radio System in accordance to ownership. The Public Safety Radio System upgrade to P25 will cost \$3,200,000 where the City of Corpus Christi will pay \$2,400,000 based on 75% ownership, the County will pay \$608,000 based on 19% ownership and the RTA will pay \$192,000 based on 6% ownership. The City's funding was approved in the 2018 bond election and has been secured through the issuance of voter-approved general obligation bonds.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City would perform the upgrade alone which would require additional funds by the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY2021 is appropriating an amount of \$608,000 from Nueces County and \$192,000 from the RTA for a total of \$800,000 to the Police Building CIP Fund. The City of Corpus Christi's allocation of \$2,400,000 is funded through general obligation bonds approved by the voters in 2018. Total project cost is \$3,200,000.

Funding Detail:

Amount:	\$2,400,000
Fund:	3343 - Police 2020 Bond 2018 CIP Fund
Organization/Activity:	N/A
Mission Element:	N/A
Project # (CIP Only):	18038 - Police Radio Communication System
Account:	550030 - Improvements Other than Building

Police CIP Fund	
Amount:	\$800,000
Fund:	3340 – Police Building CIP Fund
Organization/Activity:	N/A
Mission Element:	N/A
Project # (CIP Only):	18038 - Police Radio Communication System
Account:	550030 - Improvements Other than Building

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff recommends approving the resolution as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Interlocal Agreement P25 Upgrade