

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
ITEM NO. 43

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E., Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: San Antonio Mobility Coalition, Inc. (SAMCo) Membership Dues

DATE: January 5, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

An ordinance authorizing payment of \$49,000.00 from the General Fund to the San Antonio Mobility Coalition, Inc. (SAMCo), for annual membership dues for February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007 for the City of San Antonio.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance and recommends it go into effect immediately.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SAMCo is a nonprofit group, formed in 2002, that facilitates communication between public and private interests working to expedite the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 25-year Transportation Plan and advocates for project funding. SAMCo's is instrumental in identifying, publicizing and advancing the implementation of mobility solutions for San Antonio and Bexar County that will maintain and improve quality of life, economic growth, and business conditions in the area.

The City has been a member of SAMCo since its inception and works closely with its other members, which include Bexar County, VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority, San Antonio Water System, City Public Service, Witte Museum, San Antonio River Authority, KellyUSA, Free Trade Alliance San Antonio, the various local Chambers of Commerce, Greater Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council, Real Estate Council of San Antonio, San Antonio Council of Engineering Companies, Medical Center Alliance, and several major San Antonio corporations in exploring mobility solutions.

Over the years, SAMCo has been diligent in their efforts to require the General Accounting Office to review calculations related to federal highway funding and urge Congress to maintain highway funding levels through balances in the federal highway trust fund. SAMCO has also adopted and endorsed various local funding opportunity initiatives including the Advanced Transportation District, Regional Mobility Authority, Transportation Funding, and the Texas Mobility Fund. Most recently SAMCo has supported the City's application to the Federal Highway Administration for an Intelligent Transportation (ITS) Enhancement Grant which will assist the City in its continued development of ITS facilities throughout the metropolitan area. The City has been a national leader in ITS program initiatives as a method of addressing congestion, environmental and security concerns.

In light of the successes SAMCo has experienced in the past, it is in the best interest of the City to continue its membership. Annual membership dues for February 1, 2006 through January 21, 2007 are \$49,000.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Approval of this ordinance is a continuation of City Council policy to cooperate in identifying and supporting the implementation of transportation mobility solutions for the San Antonio Metropolitan Area.

FISCAL IMPACT


Funds in the amount of \$49,000 are available from the General Fund and authorized payable to SAMCo.

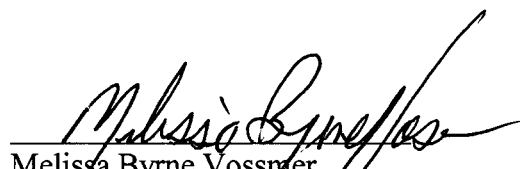
COORDINATION

This request for ordinance has been coordinated with the Office of Management and Budget, the Finance Department, the City Attorney's Office, External Relations, and the Contract Services Department.

ATTACHMENTS

1. SAMCo Letter regarding Membership Renewal and Annual Report
2. Invoice


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Handwritten: Jno 12-6-05

December 1, 2005

The Honorable Phil Hardberger
Mayor
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Re: 2006 Membership Investment Renewal – SAMCo, Inc.

Dear Mayor Hardberger:

Thank you for your membership and financial support of SAMCo during the past year. This letter is both a report on our activities and a request for your continuing involvement and support in 2006.

Working in partnership with TxDOT, Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, VIA Metropolitan Transit, the Bexar County-San Antonio MPO, the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority, area legislators, and the private sector, several critical component's of SAMCo's 2005 strategic plan were achieved during the past year. These accomplishments include:

Texas Transportation Commission Funding Request – On behalf of our local and regional partners, SAMCo submitted an \$829 million highway funding package to the Texas Transportation Commission on June 30, 2005. The comprehensive funding package leverages local ATD matching funds, pass-through financing, Proposition 14 bonding, and Texas Mobility Fund bonds. Several priority projects included in the package were approved by Commissioners on October 27, 2005.

Advanced Transportation District (ATD) – In November 2004, 58 percent of San Antonio voters approved the Advanced Transportation District (ATD) referendum providing \$34 million in new annual funding for local transit, street, and highway projects. SAMCo organized efforts to place the ATD proposal on the ballot, provided volunteer leadership for the successful campaign, and continues to support efforts to implement ATD funded projects.

Federal Reauthorization – During 2005, SAMCo sponsored or participated in four volunteer and staff trips to Washington, DC in support of eight high priority projects for the San Antonio region. \$30 million in funding for these projects was included in the federal reauthorization bill (SAFETEA-LU) signed into law August 10, 2005. In addition, SAMCo supported a higher rate of return to Texas motorists, which will now rise from 90.5 to 92 percent by 2008.

GOVERNMENTAL: Bexar County • City of San Antonio • VIA Metropolitan Transit **PATRON:** Carter & Burgess, Inc. • Flasher Equipment Company • LNV Engineering, Inc. • Loeffler Tuggey Pauerstein Rosenthal LLP • Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc. • Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. • The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce • Turner Collie & Braden • USAA • Williams Brothers Construction Company, Inc. **ADVOCATE:** Alamo Cement Company, Ltd. • ARDADIS • Bain Medina Bain, Inc. • BNSF Railway • Broadway Bank • Cemex, Inc. • CH2M HILL • Civil Engineering Consultants • Clark Construction of Texas, Ltd. • Cox, Smith & Matthews • Halff Associates, Inc. • HDR Engineering, Inc. • HNTB Corporation • HOLT CAT • Locke Liddell & SAPP LLP • Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. • Martin Marietta Materials Southwest • Parsons Brinckerhoff • Pate Engineers, Inc. • PBS&J • Unintech Consulting Engineers • URS Corporation • Vickrey & Associates • Vulcan Materials • Zachry Construction Corporation **ASSOCIATE:** CPS Energy • Free Trade Alliance of San Antonio • Greater Kelly Development Authority • Medical Center Alliance • North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce • Real Estate Council of San Antonio • San Antonio Council of Engineering Companies • San Antonio River Authority • South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce • Witte Museum

State Legislature – SAMCo achieved five key legislative priorities during the 2005 Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, including passage of enabling legislation for rail relocation projects, authority to bond ATD revenue, an increase in the toll equity cap to \$2 billion per year, preservation and expansion of HB 3588 funding tools, and authorization of \$4 billion in Texas Mobility Fund bonds.

AlamoRMA Starter Toll System – SAMCo actively supported implementation of the proposed starter toll system by the Alamo RMA at various public hearings and meetings on the proposed toll lane system. A separate 501(c)(4) corporation is being organized with private sector funds to champion toll lanes in Bexar County.

4th Annual Transportation Leadership Forum – On September 7 and 8, 2005 SAMCo hosted its 4th Annual Transportation Leadership Forum with a registered attendance in excess of 550. The forum continues to grow into a major statewide and national transportation event.

A complete list of results/accomplishments from our 2005 strategic plan is provided in the enclosed annual meeting brochure. These accomplishments will help reduce congestion and San Antonio's estimated \$8.4 billion funding gap – the difference between the dollars needed to reduce congestion to an acceptable level and the estimated revenue from traditional funding sources over the next 25 years.

During 2006, SAMCo will continue to aggressively pursue additional transportation funding at the federal, state, regional, and local levels. We are preparing for a February 23 delegation presentation before the Texas Transportation Commission, developing educational materials related to Alamo RMA toll projects, updating our strategic plan and legislative agenda, and continuing to provide a San Antonio perspective on emerging regional issues such as SH-130, the Trans Texas Corridor, Austin-San Antonio commuter rail, and rail relocation.

Enclosed is an invoice for your 2006 membership in the San Antonio Mobility Coalition, Inc. We are delighted to share with you that our Executive Committee has been able to **reduce membership dues levels by 30 percent** for FY2006 (a one-year temporary reduction) as a result of growing membership in SAMCo and a healthy financial reserve.

With your continued assistance, SAMCo will meet the challenges of obtaining adequate and sustained local, state, and federal funding for transportation projects in the San Antonio area. If we can answer any questions, please contact either of us at (210) 229-2134. Once again, thank you for your ongoing support of SAMCo!

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Krier
Chairman



Victor M. Boyer
Executive Director

Enclosures

Cc: Ray Baray, Trey Jacobson, Melissa Vossmer, Tom Wendorf

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Invoice

Invoice Number:
11055
Invoice Date:
Oct 28, 2005

Customer ID 40002

Sold To:

City of San Antonio
P O Box 839966
San Antonio, TX 78283

Ship to:

Mayor Phil Hardberger
City of San Antonio
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Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Extension
1.00		2006 Membership Dues Government Member	70,000.00	70,000.00
1.00		2006 Membership Dues one-year reduction of 30%	21,000.00	-21,000.00
<p>Dear Mayor Hardberger: Your invoice includes the regular Government Membership Dues of \$70,000.00 and a one-time (2006 Fiscal Year*) dues reduction of 30% approved by the Executive Committee on October 17, 2005.</p> <p>*October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006</p>				

Subtotal	49,000.00
Total Invoice Amount	49,000.00
Payment Received	
TOTAL	49,000.00

Please return a copy of this invoice with your payment. Make checks payable to The San Antonio Mobility Coalition, Inc. Contributions to The San Antonio Mobility Coalition, Inc. may be deductible as an ordinary business expense. However, they are NOT deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Please contact Greg Morse (210) 229-2189 if you have any further questions. Thank you for your support!