

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

TO:

Sheryl Sculley, City Manager

FROM:

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

SUBJECT:

San Antonio Mobility Coalition, Inc. (SAMCo)

DATE:

March 23, 2006

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager or her designee to execute a Professional Services Agreement with the San Antonio Mobility Coalition, Inc., for the implementation and coordination of transportation and mobility solutions beginning April 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007 for the City of San Antonio.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

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 advocating for project funding. SAMCo 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 its 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 System (ITS) Integration 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.

This Professional Services Agreement sets out the parameters by which SAMCo will help identify, coordinate and advance implementation of transportation and mobility solutions for the City and the San Antonio Metropolitan Area.

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

This council action has no fiscal impact. Funds in the amount of \$49,000.00 for the City of San Antonio's membership dues for FY 06-07 were previously appropriated and approved for payment on January 5, 2006 through Ordinance No. 2006-01-05-23.

COORDINATION

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

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Approved for Council Consideration:

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