

**AGENDA ITEM 23**

Consider approving interlocal agreement with City of Austin for regional auto theft enforcement task force.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Limmer**

Motion: To approve interlocal agreement with City of Austin for regional auto theft enforcement task force.

Vote: 4 – 0 with Commissioner Heiligenstein absent from the dais.

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**INTERLOCAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT  
REGIONAL AUTO THEFT ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE**

This Agreement is entered into by and between the undersigned parties, hereinafter collectively referred to as the Parties, pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, concerning interlocal cooperation contracts, and Chapter 362 of the Texas Local Government Code.

WHEREAS, auto theft is a crime that has steadily increased in recent years with population growth; and

WHEREAS, the cost of auto theft places burdens on the public and private sector alike; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to address this problem by continuing to develop and implement a comprehensive auto theft law enforcement program, including violation identification, investigation, prosecution and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to continue to pool their resources and to coordinate individual efforts in order to combat auto theft more efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to adhere to all pertinent federal, state and local laws or regulations.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE I  
CONTINUATION OF TASK FORCE**

1.01 The Parties by resolution or order enter into this Agreement to continue the existence of a mutual aid law enforcement task force to cooperate in criminal investigation and law enforcement to combat auto theft. The Parties hereby continue the existence of the Sheriffs Combined Auto Theft Task Force (the Task Force). The Task Force will continue to pool its resources and coordinate individual efforts to combat auto theft more efficiently and effectively. The Task Force will continue to assist its members in investigating, prosecuting and preventing auto theft.

**ARTICLE II  
RESOURCES**

2.01 The allocation of law enforcement resources is a discretionary decision, which is to be made by the governmental entity and official(s) who controls the resources. It is acknowledged that the allocation of law enforcement is dependent on availability of funding and the resources in question. Subject to these expressly acknowledged limitations, the Parties agree to endeavor to provide available law enforcement resources as requested in order to facilitate Task Force operations.

2.02 Travis County has applied for a grant from the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (the