

STAFF REPORT

Date: May 21, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of First Addendum to Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement of June 2020 for public safety radio communications, and annual payment to Washoe County for the City of Reno's proportional share of infrastructure and operational costs in the amount of \$700,408.06 (\$362,148.43 in FY26 and \$338,259.63 in FY27). (General Fund)

From: Craig Franden

Department: City Manager's Office – IT

Summary:

The City of Reno is a Partner Agency in the Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement approved in June 2020. Since that time, construction costs for the P25 System have increased by \$3,963,706 due to a variety of factors, including the addition of new greenfield radio sites. The Partner Agencies to the agreement have developed a First Addendum to share the increased costs proportionately, establish project management procedures for future capital projects, and provide payment options. The City of Reno's total share of the increased costs is \$700,408.06, payable in FY26 and FY27. Staff recommends approval of the First Addendum.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		X
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?	X	
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		X
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	<1%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

May 13, 2020: Council approved the Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement.

Background:

The P25 Radio System was approved in 2020 as a replacement for the end-of-life Enhanced Digital Access Communications System (EDACS). The P25 system enables improved regional interoperability and public safety communications. The interlocal agreement established the framework for shared development, operation, and financing of the new system. Since execution of the agreement, construction costs for the P25 infrastructure have increased by nearly \$4 million. To address these increases and to establish a more formal process for future capital project management, the partner agencies developed a first addendum to the interlocal agreement.

Discussion:

The City of Reno's proportional share of the increased P25 construction costs is \$700,408.06, which will be split over FY26 and FY27 as follows:

- FY26: \$362,148.43
- FY27: \$338,259.63

The City will participate in the cost-sharing plan outlined in the addendum. The addendum strengthens fiscal controls, ensures transparency in future P25 capital investments, and helps preserve the integrity and reliability of the regional communications infrastructure. Staff supports continued participation in the P25 system and views the addendum as a necessary step to ensure successful project completion. The City's share of increased costs will be incorporated into future fiscal year budget planning.

Financial Implications:

The City of Reno will be responsible for an additional \$700,408.06 in P25 construction costs over FY26 and FY27. These funds will be included in the proposed budgets for those fiscal years.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law. The Addendum complies with NRS 277.180 regarding interlocal agreements and the process for cost-sharing and project governance among public agencies.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council approves the First Addendum to Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement of June 2020 for public safety radio communications, and annual payment

to Washoe County for the City of Reno's proportional share of infrastructure and operational costs in the amount of \$700,408.06 (\$362,148.43 in FY26 and \$338,259.63 in FY27).

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve the First Addendum to Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement of June 2020 for public safety radio communications, and annual payment to Washoe County for the City of Reno's proportional share of infrastructure and operational costs in the amount of \$700,408.06 (\$362,148.43 in FY26 and \$338,259.63 in FY27).

Attachments:

- First Addendum to Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement
- Washoe County P25 Radio System Interlocal Agreement