

**City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: 05/09/11		Item Number: <u>C-5</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Approval of an Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Regional Terrorism Information Integration System for Continued Participation in the Los Angeles Regional Integrated Law and Justice Program (COPLINK)			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☐	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
Public Notification:			
Department Approval: Don Pedersen (03/17/11)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (05/04/11)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (05/04/11)		City Manager Approval: John Nachbar (05/04/11)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council approve an amendment to the existing Memorandum of Agreement with the Regional Terrorism Information Integration System participating agencies (RTIIS) for the continued participation of the City of Culver City in the COPLINK program. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> In July 2007 the City of Culver City entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) with forty-seven other law enforcement agencies to share law enforcement information from their records database systems (the COPLINK system). The City, via the Police Department, contributes law enforcement records information to the COPLINK database and is able to access more than two hundred million records to assist with crime and terrorism investigations. The City of Culver City was able to join and participate in the Los Angeles Regional Integrated Law and Justice Project (LARILJP) at no cost. Grant funds from the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department (LASD) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) paid for the integration of the COPLINK database to the RTIIS and for the first three years of system maintenance. The maintenance agreement will expire in August 2012. The original Agreement among the RTIIS agencies established the guidelines to regulate the sharing of information. The Agreement identified the purpose of the system, the criteria for agencies' participation, the rules for the contribution and			

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dissemination of information, the ownership and audit requirements of information, and other terms, conditions, policies, and procedures of the system. A LARILJP Governance Committee comprised of representatives from LASD, LAPD, and three Chiefs of Police from the independent cities received the authority to accept agencies into the RTIIS with a simple majority vote. The current Agreement requires the simple majority vote of all forty-seven RTIIS agencies to connect to other cooperating law enforcement sharing initiatives such as those in Orange, San Diego and San Bernardino Counties.

The proposed amendment to the Agreement gives the LARILJP Governance Committee the power of attorney for the forty-seven participating agencies to sign Intergovernmental Agreements to share information with other counties and cities in California and throughout the United States; gives the Los Angeles County Counsel the power to act as the legal representative of the forty-seven participating agencies in the matters of the RTIIS; gives the LARILJP Governance Committee the authority to seek grant funding for the continued maintenance of the RTIIS and/or to discuss funding models for future maintenance costs by the participating agencies.

Intergovernmental Agreements with other California counties and regional groups from Oregon, Washington and Arizona would represent the addition of another ninety-five million searchable documents. There are also future plans to link the RTIIS with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Law Enforcement National Data Exchange network (N-DEX). This would significantly enhance the situational awareness of patrol officers, the investigative resources of detectives and the analysis of crime trends and terrorist threats throughout the region. As mentioned above, the LASD and LAPD directed millions of dollars to establish and maintain the COPLINK data sharing project from 2007 to August 2012 without a cost to the contributing independent agencies. They cannot continue to support the independent cities in the RTIIS without funding from the cities or from grant sources. The proposed amendment to the Agreement would give authority to the Governance Committee to seek additional funding from Federal and State grant sources and to discuss funding models if individual cities must contribute funds to maintain the system.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost associated with the approval of the amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement. There is a potential cost to continue participation in the RTIIS that may occur in 2012. If it becomes necessary for individual cities to contribute funds to maintain the system in the future, the cost will be divided among the forty-seven participating agencies based on an as yet undetermined funding model. Funding model examples could include a rate based on population, on the number of agency users, the number of sworn police personnel or other criteria.

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ATTACHMENT:

None.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Approve an amendment to the existing Memorandum of Agreement for the Regional Terrorism Information Integration System; and,
2. Authorize the City Attorney to review/prepare the necessary documents; and,
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute such documents on behalf of the City.