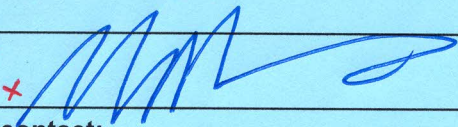


SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing a First Amended and Restated SafeClear™ Freeway Towing Agreement form and authorizing the Mayor and Chief of Police to sign form agreements for the SafeClear™ Freeway Towing and Emergency Road Services Program.		Category #	Page 1 of 1	Agenda Item #
FROM: (Department or other point of origin): Houston Police Department		Origination Date April 3, 2018		Agenda Date
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: Art Acevedo, Chief of Police 		Council Districts affected: All		
For additional information contact: Rhonda Smith, CFO/Deputy Director (713) 308-1708 Clifton Journet, Executive Staff Analyst (713) 308-1779		Date and identification of prior authorizing Council Action: Ord. No. 2015-1157 dated November 18, 2015		
RECOMMENDATION: (Summary) Approve an ordinance approving First Amended and Restated SafeClear™ Freeway Towing and Emergency Road Service Agreement form and authorizing the Mayor and the Chief of Police to sign all of the First Amended and Restated SafeClear™ Freeway Towing and Emergency Road Services Agreements as listed below.				
SOURCE OF FUNDING: [] General Fund [X] Grant Fund [] Enterprise Fund [] Other (Specify) \$5,011,358 – Federal/State/Local – Pass Through Fund (Fund 5030)				
SPECIFIC EXPLANATION: The Chief of Police of the Houston Police Department (HPD) recommends that City Council approve an ordinance authorizing a form Agreement to amend and restate the freeway towing agreements of the SafeClear™ Freeway Towing and Emergency Road Service Program and authorizing the Mayor and Chief of Police to sign the SafeClear™ form agreements. The SafeClear™ Program was implemented in 2005 to remove wrecked, stalled or other police towed vehicles from the City's freeways in a safe and expedited manner. From 2005 until 2011, motorists whose vehicles stalled or were disabled on the shoulders of the freeways were towed to a nearby safe place at no charge, with funding provided by the City. In 2015, the City of Houston entered into new agreements with selected tow operators to participate in the SafeClear™ Program. However, no money was appropriated or allocated by the City to pay for these tows; the stalled vehicle owners were directly responsible to pay the SafeClear™ operator for the tow at a rate of \$60 per tow as regulated by City Ordinance. The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) proposes to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("H-GAC Agreement) with the City of Houston to use a Federal Highway Administration grant from the Texas Department of Transportation to provide free towing services again for certain vehicles stalled on freeways within the City of Houston. The City will provide towing services by using current SafeClear™ operators. SafeClear™ operators will be paid per tow using the grant funds from the H-GAC Agreement. The fees paid to each SafeClear™ operator will be determined by the number of qualified tows and may vary for each SafeClear™ operator. The H-GAC grant will also reimburse the City's for HPD's administrative costs associated with the stalled vehicle towing program. On February 13, 2018, HPD made a presentation to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, a copy of which can be viewed at http://www.houstontx.gov/council/committees/publicsafety.html . Listed below are the SafeClear™ tow operators whose SafeClear™ agreements will be amended and restated to incorporate the scope of services stipulated in the H-GAC Intergovernmental Agreement. The agreements will be for a 3-year term with two one-year renewals.				
1 SIBERIA HOUSTON LNA LLC	7 FIESTA WRECKER SERVICE	13 MILAM STREET AUTO STORAGE INC		
2 CORPORATE AUTO SERVICES	8 CANNINO WEST INC	14 DWIGHT CANNON DBA DC WRECKER		
3 KTL ENTERPRISES INC. DBA SAFE TOW	9 UNIFIED AUTO WORKS	15 RBEX INC DBA APPLE TOWING CO		
4 ALLIED COLLISION & AUTO REPAIR INC	10 NORTH HOUSTON MOTORS INC			
5 STERLING INTEREST INVESTMENTS INC	11 T&T MOTORS, INC.			
6 LOUIS MATTHEW TEAL DBA HUMBLE TOWING SERVICE	12 HOUSTON AUTO TECH INC			
DBE-Requirements: The H-GAC Agreement requires a goal of 23% DBE participation in its third party contracting opportunities. Prior to executing SafeClear™ Agreements, the above-named tow operators, if not DBE certified, will be required to identify DBE sub-contractors and the percentage goal for each. The DBE participation will be monitored for compliance by the Office of Business Opportunity.				
Hire Houston First: Hire Houston First does not apply because it involves the use of federal funds and is subject to specific procurement rules of the federal government.				
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION				
Finance Budget:	Strategic Purchasing Division:	Office of Business Opportunity:		