



P25 System Interlocal Agreement

800 MHz Joint Operating
Committee
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Interlocal Summary

▪ **How did we get here?**

- We need to replace “end-of-life” EDACS system.
- Nevada Shared Radio System (NSRS) Agreement – May 9, 2017
 - NDOT, NV Energy and Washoe County are System Infrastructure Owners (SIO) and are required to build their respective portions of the P25 System.
 - NSRS includes a governance structure and an agreement on service levels

▪ **How will Washoe County meet its obligations under NSRS?**

- Harris P25 System Purchase Agreement – September 27, 2018
- Washoe County to obtain Bond Financing – in process

▪ **How will Washoe County and Regional Partners cooperate on the management, use, and cost of the P25 System?**

- Washoe County Regional Communication System Agreement has worked well for 20 years.
- P25 System Interlocal:
 - Governance
 - Operations Cost and Expenditures
 - Infrastructure Cost Allocation



Interlocal Summary - Governance

- **P25 Technical Advisory Committee – formerly the WCRCS Users Committee (Section 10)**
 - Five member committee selected by the Joint Operating Committee, each for a two year term.
 - Review new Partner or Sponsored Agencies and make recommendation to Joint Operating Committee.
- **P25 Joint Operating Committee (JOC) (Section 9)**
 - Each Partner Agency is represented by a single appointee to the JOC or an alternate.
 - JOC is the Executive Committee for the P25 System and may:
 - Review and Approve a 5-Year Capital Improvement plan
 - Review and approve operating policies and procedures for the P25 System
 - Provide recommendations for long-term plans for the P25 System
 - Provide direction regarding the operation, maintenance and repair of the P25 System
 - Approve certain capital expenditures (Exhibit B)
 - Washoe County Technology Services must obtain JOC recommendation of the Operations and Maintenance budget prior to it being submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption.



Interlocal Summary - Governance

- **Washoe County Technology Services (Section 11):**
 - Provide Staff for operation maintenance and repair of the P25 System
 - And staff for JOC and TAC
 - Implement JOC policy decisions.
 - Prepare budget for Operations, Maintenance and Capital Outlay and present to TAC and JOC.
 - Charge partner agencies for expenses incurred in the operation, maintenance and repair of the P25 System.
 - Provide technical information to JOC, TAC and County Manager



Interlocal Summary – Operations & Maintenance costs and expenditures

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Cost and expenditures (Section 12)**
 - Cost allocation based on each agency's proportionate share of Radios (LIDs) as a percentage of the total number of radios on the system.
 - ***Cost allocation will be adjusted each fiscal year.***
 - Washoe County will charge O&M fees monthly and deposit the funds into the O&M fund.
 - Expenses may include:
 - Personnel and Benefits
 - Services and Supplies
 - Capital outlay
 - Overhead
 - Other expenditures approved by the JOC
 - End-user equipment or other equipment that benefits only a single agency is not supported through the Operations and Maintenance fund.



Interlocal Summary – Infrastructure Cost Allocation

- **P25 Infrastructure Cost Allocation (Sections 13 & 14)**
 - Cost allocation based on each agency's proportionate share of Radios (LIDs) as a percentage of the total number of radios on the system.
 - ***Cost allocation will only be adjusted if a new agency joins the system.***
 - Part of Infrastructure cost is a 10% contribution to the Debt Reserve Fund.
 - The Debt Reserve Fund will be used in the case that any agency defaults on their P25 Infrastructure payments.
 - Debt Reserve Fund payments are required anytime the balance of the Debt Reserve Fund is less than is required for one year of debt service payments.
 - If an agency is in default and the Debt Reserve Fund is exhausted, Washoe County may elect to cover the defaulting agency's debt service payment but may seek legal redress to recover funds.
 - Pre-payment for P25 Infrastructure will be accepted.
 - Commitment to pre-pay must be submitted in writing to Washoe County on or before June 8th, 2020.
 - Prepayment is due July 15, 2020.
 - If an agency prepays, no additional Infrastructure payments are required.



Interlocal Summary – In a nutshell

1. The P25 Agreement extends and improves upon a regional governance structure and partnership that has benefitted all parties involved over the last 20 years.
2. Washoe County has responsibility (i.e. is paying) for the P25 System and the County would like to recover its costs in a way that is fair for all parties involved.
3. By entering into this agreement and building the P25 Radio System, we are ensuring that our region has a robust, reliable, and responsibly managed public safety radio system for at least the next decade and a half.



Interlocal Summary – Next Steps & Important Dates

- Washoe County staff recommends that the Joint Operating Committee recommend that each respective WCRCS Partner Agency Governing Board or Chief Executive ratify the P25 Interlocal Agreement.
- **Important Dates:**
 - All agencies sign P25 Agreement on or before **April 1, 2020**
 - June 8 – Commitment to prepay due
 - July 15 – Prepayment due
- **Questions & Discussion**