



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 26-1329, **Agenda Item #:** 12.

4/9/2026

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize a contract for construction services for the Cameron Road Wastewater Improvements project for Austin Water with Santa Clara Construction, Ltd., in the amount of \$ 8,974,202, plus a \$897,421 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$9,871,623. Funding: \$9,871,623 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Financial Services.

### **Managing Department**

Austin Capital Delivery Services.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

### **Procurement Language:**

Austin Financial Services issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 6100 CLMC1144 for these services. The solicitation published on November 10, 2025. and closed on January 8, 2026. Of the four bids received, the bid submitted by the recommended contractor was the lowest responsive bid. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at:

[https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=143494](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=143494).

### **MBE / WBE:**

This contract will be awarded in compliance with the City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 79.61% MBE and 1.19% WBE participation.

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

March 11, 2026 - Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 6-0 vote with three Commissioners absent and one Commissioner off the dais.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Austin Water's collection system is a large and complex system, consisting of approximately 3,000 miles of wastewater mains and serving approximately one million customers, and is fundamental for the transfer of the

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wastewater to Austin Water's treatment plants. Due to deterioration from the harsh conditions of the wastewater environment, collection system assets require ongoing repair and replacement to prevent sanitary sewer overflows.

The Cameron Road Wastewater Improvement project will install approximately 7,900 linear feet of new 8, 12, 18, and 24-inch wastewater lines in the area bound by Highway 290, Interstate Highway 35, and Cameron Road. In addition, this project includes approximately 1,800 linear feet of new waterlines within the project area. This project will relieve the existing wastewater capacity bottleneck by providing additional capacity for existing flows and future growth in the area, reducing the risk of sanitary sewer overflows and increasing system resiliency.

This item includes two allowances. An allowance of \$60,000 will be used to address any potentially contaminated water or soil found during construction, and an allowance of \$70,000 will be used to relocate a private electrical line that may be in conflict with the proposed installation. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for certain items of work when details are not determined at the time of bidding.

Due to the potential for encountering unknown subsurface conditions, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project. By authorizing the additional contingency funding, Council is authorizing any change orders within the contingency amount.

The project will require various lane closures within public right of way and some access restrictions during construction on private property or within existing easements. The contractor will work to ensure businesses and residents always have access to driveways and entrances. If access cannot be maintained, written notice of limited access will be provided to those affected at least 24 hours in advance. In addition, there will be planned temporary water and wastewater service interruptions, primarily during pipeline tie-in and service reconnections. Residents will be notified at least 48 hours in advance of planned service interruptions.

This construction contract is time sensitive and is a critical component of improving the infrastructure stability of Austin's wastewater collection and water distribution systems. Delay of this contract will require additional time and cost for City construction crews to conduct maintenance and repairs and may increase the risk of sanitary sewer overflows.

The contract allows 510 calendar days for completion of this project.

This project is located within zip code 78723 (District 4).