



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2157, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

8/27/2026

Posting Language

Ratify a contract for construction services for the Little Walnut Creek Flood Risk Reduction Improvements from Metric to Rutland Project with M.A. Smith Contracting Co. Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$30,859,275. Funding: \$26,688,692 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Watershed Protection and \$4,170,583 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 Budgets of Austin Watershed Protection and Austin Water.

Procurement Language:

Ratification.

MBE / WBE:

This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Prior Council Action:

January 27, 2021 - A construction contract with PGC General Contractors, LLC, for the Little Walnut Creek Flood Risk Reduction from Metric-Rutland project was approved.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to Austin Financial Services - Central Procurement at FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

The requested action is for Council to ratify the contract with M.A. Smith Contracting Co. Inc., which has been procured under authority of Section 252.022(a) (2) of the Texas Local Government Code as a procurement necessary to protect or preserve the public health and safety of the citizens of Austin.

The Little Walnut Creek Flood Risk Reduction project reduces the risk of interior flood inundation to as many structures as possible, reduces the floodplain footprint, and reduces bridge and roadway flooding.

Project construction started in May 2021. Due to delays in the performance of work, the contract was terminated by mutual agreement in April 2023. In March 2023, staff initiated a Certificate of Exemption under Section 252.022(a) for Health and Safety due to the state of the project posing a threat to public safety and the environment. The site's location within the right-of-way and parkland created a public safety hazard and the

incomplete storm infrastructure posed threats of flooding and water pollution.

The City entered into an agreement with M.A. Smith Contracting Co. Inc. in June 2023 to continue the project and complete construction. The work remaining to be completed included reconstructing the pavement along Mearns Meadow Boulevard, completing installation of the new flood control box culvert bypass along Mearns Meadow Boulevard, installing flood bypass weir structures at Mountain Quail Road and Quail Valley Boulevard within Little Walnut Creek, completing installation of new wastewater lines, pond grading, and stabilizing the pond inlet and outlet structures. The project is substantially complete and is now in post-construction phase.

This project is located within zip code 78758 (District 4).