



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-6523, **Agenda Item #:** 38.

1/30/2025

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for construction services for the Walnut Creek - January Drive Flood Risk Reduction project, for the Watershed Protection Department and to be managed by Capital Delivery Services, with Austin Underground, Inc., in the amount of \$1,936,072 plus a \$193,607 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,129,679. Funding: \$2,129,679 is available in the Watershed Protection Department's Capital Budget.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Capital Delivery Services.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 6100 CLMC1041 for these construction services. The solicitation was issued on August 19, 2024, and closed on October 31, 2024. Of the six bids received, the recommended contractor submitted 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=140657.

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 87.88% MBE and 11.68% WBE participation.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: 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:

June 4, 2024 - Recommended by Zoning & Platting Commission.

May 15, 2024 - Recommended by Environmental Commission on a vote of 9 - 0 with Commissioners Perry Bedford, Richard Brimer, Hanna Cofer, Peter Einhorn, Mariana Krueger, Colin Nickells, Haris Qureshi, Melinda Schiera, David Sullivan; Commissioner Jennifer Bristol was absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The project is needed to replace undersized drainpipes and it includes installation of approximately 1,700 linear feet of upgraded storm drainpipe and the replacement of 2,000 linear feet of aging storm drainpipe. The new pipe will begin at 11502 January Drive and outfall into Walnut Creek at 11601 February Drive. Existing inlets located on January Drive will be replaced on an as-needed basis.

The project includes work at the outfall along Walnut Creek in the floodplain property buyout area on February Drive. A spring was identified at this location and protective measures have been incorporated into the contract to protect this area during construction. There is erosion along the banks of Walnut Creek in this area. A grow zone is being established within the buyout lots to restore native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and vegetation.

Situated in the Walnut Creek Watershed, a portion of the site falls within FEMA and City fully developed 100-year floodplain near the intersection of January Drive and February Drive. Previous single-family lots (11601 to 11605 February Drive) were demolished due to flooding and are now within City Watershed Protection Department publicly owned land. This project is funded by the City 2018 Bond Proposition D.

Due to the potential for 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 temporary lane closures and other traffic disruptions on January Drive from August Drive to February Drive. The contractor will install appropriate traffic signage and barricades to direct traffic. Residents adjacent to the project's impact area will be notified by a City representative seven days in advance. The contractor will work to ensure that residents always have access to their driveways. If access cannot be maintained, written notice of limited access will be provided to the affected property owner(s) at least 24 hours in advance.

The contract allows 290 calendar days for completion of this project.

This project is located within zip code 78753 (District 1).