



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-1024, **Agenda Item #:** 15.

2/26/2026

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for construction services for the Merion Circle Water and Wastewater Pipeline Renewal project for Austin Water with Packsaddle Management, LLC, d/b/a Packsaddle Management, in the amount of \$2,044,030, plus a \$204,403 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,248,433. Funding: \$2,248,433 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 CLMC1139 for these services. The solicitation published on October 13, 2025, and closed on November 20, 2025.

Of the four bids received, the bid submitted by the recommended contractor was the lowest responsive bid received. 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=142663.

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 7.82% MBE and 2.18% WBE participation.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Austin Financial Services - 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:

February 18, 2026 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The Merion Circle Water and Wastewater Pipeline Renewal project is part of the Renewing Austin Program. This ongoing program replaces and upgrades deteriorated and aging water mains with a documented history of multiple breaks that impact service delivery. The program also includes wastewater lines to be replaced and upgraded due to deterioration and aging.

This project consists of repairing and replacing existing water and wastewater mains along Merion Circle, Newport Lane, Langwood Drive, and Barons Court. Water system renewal includes approximately 1,600 linear feet of water main along with service lines to individual properties and associated easement. Wastewater system renewal includes approximately 1,100 linear feet of water main, manholes, and service lines to individual properties.

This item includes one allowance, in the amount of \$20,000, to address remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for a certain items of work when details are not determined at the time of bidding.

Due to the potential for unknown 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 proposes lane closures and/or detours. The contractor will install appropriate traffic detour signs and barricades to direct traffic. The contractor will work to ensure that residents and businesses always have access to their driveways. Roadways will be reopened to the public at the end of each working day. 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. In addition, there will be planned temporary water and wastewater service interruptions, primarily during pipeline tie-in and service reconnection. Customers will be notified at least 48 hours in advance of planned service interruptions.

This construction contract is time sensitive and is critical to the improvement of the infrastructure stability of Austin's water distribution and wastewater collection systems.

The contract allows 240 calendar days for completion of this project.

This project is located within zip code 78754 (District 1).