



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0502, **Agenda Item #:** 9.

4/24/2025

Posting Language

Ratify a contract for construction services for the William Cannon Drive West Approach for Capital Delivery Services with Joe Bland Construction, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$9,522,278. Funding: \$9,522,278 is available in the Capital Budget of the Transportation and Public Works Department.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Capital Delivery Services.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Transportation and Public Works Department.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

MBE/WBE:

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

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.

Additional Backup Information:

The requested action is for Council to ratify the contract with Joe Bland Construction, LLC, 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.

Tension cracking developed in the roadway surface located at 1701 West William Cannon Drive, the West approach of the Union Pacific Railroad Underpass, and staff determined the cracks were considered unsafe for driving conditions. On August 26, 2022, the two outer eastbound lanes were blocked off due to potholes that developed over the cracks due to continued lateral movements of the mechanically stabilized earth retaining walls that form the grade separation. The cracks developed at the ends of the reinforcing straps and worsened due to rain events and the unrepaired roadway surface that allowed water infiltration into the distressed wall system between William Cannon Drive and the Union Pacific Railroad.

This contract allowed the City to hire a contractor to perform the necessary construction to reinforce the mechanically stabilized earth walls on the north and south side of the western approach to the William Cannon Railroad Overpass.

This project was located within zip code 78745 (District 5).