



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2000, **Agenda Item #:** 38.

7/23/2026

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for construction services for the Central East Austin Water and Wastewater Pipeline Renewal Project for Austin Water with Underground Water Solutions, Co., in the amount of \$4,067,015 plus a \$406,702 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,473,717. Funding: \$4,473,717 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 CLMC1122 for these goods and services. The solicitation was issued on February 23, 2026, and closed on April 16, 2026.

The bids submitted by the recommended contractors were the lowest of the nine responsive bids 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=142644.

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 67.62% MBE and 1.30% WBE participation.

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. 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:

July 15, 2026 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 8-0 vote, with three absences.

Additional Backup Information:

The Central East Austin Water and Wastewater Pipeline Rehabilitation Project is part of the Renewing Austin Program. The Renewing Austin Program is an ongoing effort to replace, and upgrade deteriorated and aging water mains with a documented history of multiple breaks and are in poor condition, and impact service delivery. In addition, the program coordinates and includes in the project area wastewater lines in poor

condition that need replacement.

This project consists of replacing existing water and wastewater mains located within Chicon, Rosewood, Northwestern, and East 7th Street. Water system renewal includes approximately 4,255 linear feet of main lines, service lines to individual properties, and associated accessories. Wastewater system renewal includes approximately 2,940 linear feet of main, maintenance holes, and service lines to individual properties.

This item includes one allowance of \$32,000 to be used to address fees for a Railroad Worker in Charge, who must be present during active work adjacent to the CapMetro Rail right-of-way. An allowance is an amount specified in the construction contract or specifications for a certain item(s) 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.

The project will require various lane closures to facilitate progress. 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. 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 a critical component of improving the infrastructure stability of the wastewater collection and water distribution systems. Delay or deferral of this contract will require additional time and cost for City construction crews to conduct maintenance and repairs. The contract allows 380 calendar days for completion of this project.

This project is located within zip code 78702 (District 1).