



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 25-0773, **Agenda Item #:** 23.

5/22/2025

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize an amendment to the contract for engineering services for the McNeil Drive Water Transmission Main Project with Black & Veatch Corporation, in the amount of \$5,000,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$8,800,000. Funding: \$8,800,000 is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Water Department. Related to Item #24.

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Managing Department**

Capital Delivery Services.

### **Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Water Department.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Contract Amendment.

### **MBE / WBE:**

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 1.71% MBE and 6.15% WBE.

### **Prior Council Action:**

September 20, 2018 - Council approved a professional service agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation for McNeil Drive Water Transmission Main.

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-2500.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 21, 2025 - To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

September 12, 2018 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Penn recusing and Commissioners Parton, Michel and Moriarty absent.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The consultant for the McNeil Water Transmission Main Project has completed the preliminary engineering report recommending transmission main improvements needed to serve the area. This amendment is required to approve construction phase engineering services for the McNeil Drive Water Transmission Main Project which include design, bidding, construction, and warranty phases services.

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The McNeil Drive transmission main is a part of the transmission investments identified in the 2021 Winter Storm Uri After Action Report and the 2022 Ullrich Upset Boil Water Notice and is a critical transmission piece of the Northwest A Pressure Zone. Additionally, the McNeil Drive transmission main is a part of the Strategic Long Range Facility Plan. The project continues the critical transmission backbone in the Northwest A Pressure Zone from the Handcox Water Treatment Plant to both the Martin Hill Reservoir and the transfer into the North Pressure Zone at the Howard Lane facility. Transmission capacity is currently limited across the Northwest A Pressure Zone. This project is needed to extend the gravity flow from the Handcox Water Treatment Plant enabling full utilization of the plant capacity year-round to accommodate emergencies and future projects relying on increased water supply from the plant. This project will allow for better management of Jollyville storage and Spicewood Springs pumpage and provide added supply reliability to the system and to the customers along the Parmer Lane corridor.