

City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1656, Agenda Item #: 17.

9/11/2025

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for construction services for the West 35th Street Water and Wastewater Pipeline Renewal project for Capital Delivery Services with Santa Clara Construction, Ltd., in the amount of \$1,928,531, plus a \$192,854 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,121,385. Funding: \$1,497,983 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water, and \$623,402 is available in the Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Capital Delivery Services.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$1,497,983 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Funding in the amount of \$623,402 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 CLMC1091 for these services. The solicitation was issued on April 21, 2025, and closed on June 12, 2025. Of the five offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. 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=140522.

MBE/WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with the City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 68.93% MBE and 1.44% 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:

August 20, 2025 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 8-0 vote with three absences.

Additional Backup Information:

The West 35th Street Water and Wastewater Pipeline Renewal project is part of the Renewing Austin Program which replaces and upgrades deteriorated and aging water mains with a documented history of multiple breaks. The program also includes wastewater lines in poor condition within the project area that need replacement. In partnership with the Watershed Protection Department, this project will also upgrade storm drainpipes to reduce flooding risks.

This project consists of repairing and replacing existing water and wastewater mains located within the general boundaries of West 35th Street between Exposition Boulevard and MoPac. Water system renewal includes approximately 1,395 linear feet of main along with service lines to individual properties within associated right of way. Wastewater system renewal includes approximately 630 linear feet of main, manholes, and service lines to individual properties. Storm drain improvements include replacing approximately 750 linear feet of concrete storm drain and nine curb inlets on West 35th Street.

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. By authorizing the additional contingency funding, Council is authorizing any change orders within the contingency amount.

The project will require various lane closures to facilitate progress. An approved traffic control plan will be used to minimize inconvenience to the community. 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 is a critical component of improving the infrastructure stability of the water distribution and wastewater collection 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 330 calendar days for completion of this project.

This project is located within zip code 78731 (District 10).