



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-1255, **Agenda Item #:** 18.

3/26/2026

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to the contract for engineering services for the Upper Harris Branch Interceptor Project for Austin Water with Doucet & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$979,529, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$4,044,907. Funding: \$979,529 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:

Contract Amendment.

MBE / WBE:

Note: This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 5.84% MBE and 11.87% WBE.

Prior Council Action:

August 22, 2019 - Council approved a professional service agreement with Doucet & Associates, Inc. for the Upper Harris Branch Interceptor project.

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.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

March 11, 2026 - Recommended for approval by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 6-0 vote with three Commissioners absent and one Commissioner off the dais.

August 14, 2019 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 10-0 vote with Commissioner Parton absent and Commissioner Penn recusing.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Water's wastewater collection system is fundamental for the conveyance of wastewater to its treatment plants. The wastewater collection system is a large and complex system, consisting of approximately 3,000 miles of wastewater mains and serving approximately one million customers. The Upper Harris Branch Wastewater Interceptor project will construct new wastewater lines that provide gravity relief to the Dessau Wastewater Treatment Plant and multiple lift stations in the Harris Branch basin, enhancing wastewater

service to properties in the area.

This amendment will provide funding for additional construction phase engineering services, specialty inspections, warranty, and close-out services for the Upper Harris Branch Wastewater Interceptor Phase 1 and additional engineering design services for Phase 2 of the project.

The previous City Council authorization provided design, bid, construction, and warranty engineering services for Phases 1 and 2 of the Upper Harris Branch Wastewater Interceptor Project.

If this contract is not approved, the wastewater system will be at risk for sanitary sewer overflows during wet weather events due to inflow and infiltration in the Harris Branch basin. In addition, costly upgrades may be required at the Dessau Wastewater Treatment Plant due to increased demand from surrounding customers.

AUTHORIZATION HISTORY

AMOUNT	DATE	DESCRIPTION
\$3,000,000.00	08/22/19	(Council) - Professional Engineering Services
\$65,377.63	12/04/24	(Administrative Authority) - Professional Engineering Services
\$979,529.00	03/26/26	Proposed (Council) - for Additional Phase 1 Construction-phase Services and Additional Phase 2 Design Services Professional Engineering Services
\$4,044,906.63	<i>Total Contract Authorization</i>	

CONTRACT HISTORY

AMOUNT	DATE	DESCRIPTION
\$2,584,691.10	03/06/20	Design Phase Services
\$390,116.46	04/30/24	SA #1 - Additional Design Services
\$90,570.07	12/04/24	SA #2 - Additional Design Services
\$979,529.00	03/26/26	SA #3 - for Additional Phase 1 Construction-phase Services and Additional Phase 2 Design Services Construction Design Services
\$4,044,906.63	<i>Total Contract History</i>	