

AGENDA



Thursday, October 18, 2007

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 21**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with TEXAS STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO., San Antonio, TX, for the Cesar Chavez Two Way Conversion Project from San Antonio to Brazos in the amount of \$6,624,041.50 plus \$331,202.08 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,955,243.58

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$6,549,148.58 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department which includes \$2,400,000 in Federal Funds administered by the Texas Department of Transportation. Funding in the amount of \$256,095 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department from Great Streets Parking Meter Revenue.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Only bid received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goal with 7.19% DBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission, the Downtown Commission, the Design Commission, and the Parks Board.

Prior Council Action: Council passed a resolution on July 29, 2004 directing the City Manager to determine the best way to convert the five-block long one-way segment of Cesar Chavez to a two-way segment, and to determine the cost.

Council passed a resolution on September 1, 2005 directing the City Manager to convert Cesar Chavez Street from one-way to two-way traffic from San Antonio to Brazos Streets with urban design enhancements in accordance with Option 2 (staff recommendation).

Council authorized execution of an Interlocal Agreement with TxDOT and Amended Ordinance No. 20050912-002, the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Amended Capital Budget of the Public Works Department to authorize acceptance of \$1,920,000 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in Federal Funds for the construction of roadway and sidewalk improvements on Cesar Chavez Street between San Antonio and Brazos Streets on June 8, 2006.

Council passed a resolution on November 16, 2006 approving the use of 0.425 acres of parkland for roadway improvements in Town Lake Park.

This project will convert the one-way segment of Cesar Chavez between San Antonio Street and Brazos Street to two-way operations and add additional signals and turn lanes. Urban design enhancements will be provided that will include widened sidewalks, street trees and a pedestrian esplanade with pavers, pavers for crosswalks and a limestone façade for the retaining walls along the south side of Cesar Chavez Street between Guadalupe Street and Congress Avenue. Storm sewer improvements include three outfalls to Lady Bird Lake from Cesar Chavez. Water improvements include replacing 40 feet of 12-inch waterline, relocating existing meters, valves and fire hydrants. Wastewater improvements include adjusting existing manholes, installing a wastewater junction box and 140 feet of concrete panels over existing 48-inch wastewater to protect wastewater from additional loading due to esplanade. This project was designed in accordance with Council Resolution 20050901-049 approved September 1, 2005.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right-of-way, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The \$6,624,041.50 construction contract amount includes a \$2,500 per day early completion bonus with a not to exceed amount of \$75,000. The contract allows for 180 calendar days for completion of this project.