

AGENDA



Thursday, November 20, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 10

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with LAUGHLIN-THYSSEN, INC, Houston, TX for the Southeast Wastewater Improvements SER 2282 in the amount of \$4,189,627, plus a \$209,481 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,399,108.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 6.32% MBE and 2.39% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Review by Water and Wastewater Commission on November 19, 2008.

This project is one of eight projects included in the Master Development Agreement between the City of Austin and Catellus for the redevelopment of the former Robert Mueller Municipal Airport site. The project includes 3,100 linear feet of 15-inch wastewater line that is required to provide service to the southeast portion of the development. Construction of the wastewater line will meet the requirements of the Master Development Agreement.

Approximately 1,500 linear feet of the wastewater line will be located in Manor Road east of the intersection with Tilley Street (not yet constructed). The line then turns south into Morris Williams Golf Course where 1,600 linear feet will be constructed by tunneling/boring. The line will connect to an existing 24-inch wastewater line which connects to the 96-inch cross town tunnel located inside the golf course. The design includes five bore pits, none of which are located near tee boxes or greens.

Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2009 in the Morris Williams Golf Course. Construction in the golf course will be permitted 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and is projected to last approximately 90 days. All disturbed land will be restored and revegetated to existing condition using native species. Areas used for work will be returned to original grade. All site restoration will be completed in accordance with City of Austin Standards and Specifications and the Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) Construction in Parks Specification. The Austin Water Utility (AWU) will reimburse the anticipated loss of revenue to Morris Williams Golf Course through PARD. The AWU will also provide compensation for temporary and permanent easements through Chapter 26, Protection of Public Parks and Recreational Land Act in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts, a 5% contingency has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The contract allows 240 calendar days for completion of this project.

