

AGENDA



Thursday, December 11, 2008

Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 18

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with SMITH CONTRACTING CO., INC., Austin, TX for Pleasant Valley Bike Route Phase 2 in the amount of \$765,435.50 plus a \$76,543.55 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$841,979.05.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$754,199.05 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department and funding in the amount of \$87,780 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Diane Rice 974-7081; Mike Curtis 974-7056; Kathi Flowers 972-0213; Robin Field 974-7064; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of five bids received.

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 6.86% MBE and 2.49% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by Water and Wastewater Commission.

The project provides for the completion of a 10-foot wide shared use bicycle and pedestrian trail from the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Oltorf Street to the south terminus of Pleasant Valley Road and construction of a retaining wall at the south terminus of Pleasant Valley Road. The adjacent development is looking forward to the completion of the trail, as it will greatly enhance their community.

To make way for the retaining wall associated with the trail, approximately 450 feet of PVC water line and 191 feet of wastewater service must be relocated.

This trail is part of Austin's Comprehensive Urban Trail System. The System is actively used by a variety of people, and is estimated to exceed 500,000 annual visits. This project will enhance the ability of more users to utilize the trail system to travel to work, schools, restaurants, other businesses, government offices, parks, and special events in the downtown area. Also, the trail will link with the rest of the Urban Trail System and will serve as an alternative to the use of single occupancy motor vehicles, which will lead to an improvement in Austin's air quality.