

Thursday, December 18, 2008

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 9

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County to participate in the development and construction of a waterline project and a roadway project located partially within the City and County to extend a section of Slaughter Lane East as a four lane, 140 foot wide, divided urban arterial with sidewalks.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,184,000 will be received from Travis County. The City's contribution of \$800,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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The City of Austin is extending its water service area into southeast Austin/Travis County as part of the S. IH-35 W/WW Project. A portion of the alignment for the waterline extending from the City's Pilot Knob pump station to the new service area overlaps the alignment Travis County has selected for an extension of Slaughter Lane eastward to Thaxton Road.

The City's waterline project is expected to be constructed prior to Travis County's extension of Slaughter Lane. For the portion of the roadway extension that overlaps the waterline, a joint cost savings can be realized if the City can avoid acquiring waterline easements for those areas which will eventually be overlapped by the new Slaughter Lane East right-of-way. This interlocal agreement will allow the City to acquire the street right-of-way necessary for the Slaughter Lane East extension on Travis County's behalf.

Under this interlocal agreement, the City is responsible for the entire cost of the design and construction of the waterline project and Travis County is responsible for the entire cost of the design and construction of the roadway extension project. The interlocal allows the City the option of cost participating in the roadway extension project for the portion of the roadway project within its jurisdiction.