Thursday, February 26, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 9

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Travis County to allow the City to design and construct improvements to Bullick Hollow Road in connection with the Water Treatment Plant No. 4 project.

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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Boards and Commission Action: Reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

The City of Austin is upgrading its water service in northwest Austin/Travis County as part of the Water Treatment Plant No. 4 Project. Improvements to Bullick Hollow Road are required to facilitate construction of the Water Treatment Plant No. 4 and the ancillary raw water pump station.

The improvements generally consist of adding left turn lanes and widening the existing road pavement to accommodate construction traffic at the secondary entrance into the water treatment plant and at the raw water pump station, as well as adding a climbing lane at the entrance to the raw water pump station to accommodate heavy truck traffic turning into the pump station. Additionally, underground utility relocations, improvements and possible overhead utility improvements may be located within the existing Bullick Hollow right-of-way. It has been determined that additional Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Program mitigation is not required.

Under this interlocal agreement, the City is responsible for the entire cost of the design and construction of the improvements to Bullick Hollow Road, as well as the maintenance of the roadway during the construction of the plant facilities.