



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Greg Meszaros, Director
Austin Water Utility

DATE: August 11, 2009

SUBJECT: Ratify construction contract for construction of the Walsh Tarlton 54 inch Transmission Main Emergency Repair.

On Monday July 6th, a contractor bored a hole in an existing 54-inch diameter water transmission main on Walsh Tarlton Lane while conducting geotechnical investigations. The water transmission main had to be shut down to make the necessary repairs. This transmission main is vital to serving our customers south of the river with water and fire protection, especially at this time of year. Water main repairs were completed by Benitez Construction, Inc. on the morning of July 8, 2009 and the final invoice totaled \$61,256.00 for the emergency repairs.

Due to the specialized construction methods required, the scope of the repairs is beyond the capabilities of the Austin Water Utility's (Utility) workforce. An Emergency Affidavit was executed and the Utility acquired the services of a contractor to conduct this work. Since this was an emergency action, MBE/WBE goals were not set.

The Utility is working closely with Financial Services' Finance Regulatory Affairs Division (Claims) to recover all costs associated with this incident from the contractor that is responsible.

If you require additional information, please contact me at 972-0101.


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