

AGENDA



Thursday, October 1, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 8**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with CHASCO CONSTRUCTORS, LTD., LLP, Round Rock, TX, for the Lakewood Drive at Bull Creek Low Water Crossing Improvements in the amount of \$716,331.17 plus a \$35,816.56 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$752,147.73.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of eight (8) 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) through the achievements of Good Faith Efforts with 11.45% MBE and 7.93% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Lakewood Drive provides access to Bull Creek District Park and the adjacent neighborhood. Where the road enters the creek, vehicles drive and pedestrians walk on the creek bed to cross. As a result, contaminants from the vehicles are washed into the creek and the crossing is not safe for pedestrian traffic. When rain events occur in the Bull Creek watershed, this crossing is normally closed since the water depth over the crossing exceeds the City criteria for safe travel. Improvements were proposed after the crossing received a high ranking for public safety concerns in the Watershed Protection Department's master plan.

This project has been developed to address the safety and environmental concerns of the existing low water crossing. The proposed improvements of the low water crossing will allow the road to remain open to traffic for frequent minor storm events, and will eliminate the current washing of contaminants from vehicles that enter the creek, which flows to Lake Austin (the City drinking water source). The proposed improvements consist of a concrete bridge 36-feet wide and 120-feet in length that will provide two lanes for traffic plus a pedestrian walkway. The walkway will allow for protected pedestrian connectivity to the portions of the park on either side of the creek, and avoid the existing dangerous mix of vehicles with pedestrians crossing the creek.

The Parks and Recreation Board recommended the permanent and temporary use of parkland adjacent to the Low Water Crossing at Bull Creek Park on Lakewood Drive in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code for the staging of construction equipment and materials. There will be no impacts to the park, and an informal parking area will be improved. The contract allows 130 working days for substantial completion of this project.