



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Greg Meszaros, Director, Austin Water Utility

Date: August 31, 2009

Subject: Emergency Repair of 30" Valve Located at South 1st and Oltorf

This memo is to inform you that I have recently signed an emergency purchase affidavit for repairs to a 30" Valve located at the intersection of South 1st and Oltorf. The 30-inch water valve has experienced corrosion to the point that the valve is leaking and in danger of completely failing. Austin Water Utility crews have excavated at the site of the valve leak and taken measures to prevent the leaking water from reaching the surface, and determined that valve needs to be replaced to stop the leak.

Due to the specialized construction methods required, the scope of the repairs is beyond the capabilities of the Utility's workforce. An Emergency Affidavit was executed and bids were requested from five contractors. Bids were received Friday August 28, 2009 at 2:00 pm and the contract was awarded the same day. The lowest bid was \$53,872; an item will be brought forward to Council to ratify this contract.

The start date for the repair is currently planned for Friday September 4th, but could change due to the delivery time for the valve and associated piping. Work will proceed around the clock until complete to minimize traffic and water distribution system disruptions. No customers are planned to be out of service during the repair process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.


Greg Meszaros, Director
Austin Water Utility

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