

AGENDA



Thursday, November 5, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 17

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the recommended firm, KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., Irving, TX to provide planning services for the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Gordon Derr 974-7228; Debra Dibble 974-7027; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of four (4) statements received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 15.80% MBE and 15.80% WBE subconsultant participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Briefings on the process were presented to the Urban Transportation Commission, the Council Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee on the scope of study prior to the release of the solicitation. No actions were taken by these bodies.

Prior Council Action: June 18, 2009 - Council directed the City Manager to procure a team with experience in the development of local and regional multi-modal, build-able strategic mobility plans.

The City of Austin intends to develop a Strategic Mobility Plan to provide the most efficient, cost-effective and sustainable roadway, bikeway, walkway, and transit systems for our community and the surrounding region. This planning process will allow Austin to articulate its local and regional transportation needs. The plan will provide direct input into CAMPO's 2035 Plan and to the Austin Comprehensive Plan Update. The plan will inform potential future mobility bond referendums. This plan is envisioned to fit concurrently with the Transportation Department's launch of an Urban Rail Development Program. These other studies are at various stages of development and together with the Strategic Mobility Plan will shape the City of Austin's future transportation program.

The total project planning area is the City of Austin and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Specific projects outside the ETJ may be considered if they would significantly impact access to the City. The planning area contains approximately 619 square miles and consists of 298 square miles within the city limits and 321 square miles of ETJ.

Phase I services will include: Project Management Plan; Development of measures of effectiveness/project ranking development; A Public Participation Plan; Data collection and analysis of

potential projects; Project evaluation and ranking; Coordination with parallel transportation planning efforts.

Tasks and priorities for Phase II of the Mobility Plan will be identified during Phase I; however, the following items are identified as likely elements of the Phase II process: Project management; Corridor Measures of Effectiveness; Identify Mobility Tools and Policies; Selection of Pilot Corridors; Public Involvement; Corridor evaluation.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with the recommended firm. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the recommended firm, negotiations will cease with that firm. Staff will then return to Council and request authorization to begin negotiations with the alternate recommendation listed below.

Recommended Firm: Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
Alternate Firm: Fehr & Peers