

AGENDA



Thursday, November 19, 2009

Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 20

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with WESTAR CONSTRUCTION, INC., Georgetown, TX, for the Northern Walnut Creek Trail in the amount of \$3,044,285.49 plus a \$152,214.27 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,196,499.76.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Ricardo Soliz 974-9452; April Thedford 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of ten (10) bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and Chapter 2-9A of the City Code with 32.02% DBE subcontractor participation.

Prior Council Action: July 11, 2002 - Council amended the Parks and Recreation Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Capital Budget of Ordinance No.010910-02 to accept a TEA – 21 grant and appropriate \$1,996,261 in reimbursable funds from the Texas Department of Transportation for the Northern Walnut Creek Trail Phase 1 project; July 17, 2003 - Council authorized entering into an advanced funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Northern Walnut Creek Trail and approved matching funds of \$1,330,841.

The Walnut Creek trail is planned as a 14 mile multi-use trail from North Austin to the Colorado River in East Austin. The first section constructed will extend 3.2 miles from Balcones District Park to Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park and is referred to as the Northern Walnut Creek Trail. Furthermore, this section of the trail will connect a major employer (St. David's Hospital) and Austin Community College (Northridge Campus), to numerous neighborhoods in the area.

This authorization request is to build the 3.2 mile Northern Walnut Creek Trail. Construction of the multi-use trail and associated trail heads including demolition, earthwork, concrete trails, concrete bridges, concrete retaining walls, modular retaining walls, pre-engineered truss bridges, signage and striping, landscaping, culverts, headwalls and miscellaneous improvements necessary to complete the project. The trail will be a 10-foot wide concrete path that will serve pedestrian and bicycle uses. Because it is constructed of concrete, the trail will require minimal maintenance.

There are two sources of funding for this project. Funding in the amount of \$1,954,672 is provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act distributed through TX DOT. Funding in the amount of \$1,241,827.76 is provided by 1998 bond proceeds.

The construction project has an estimated completion date of December 31, 2010.