

## AGENDA



Thursday, January 14, 2010

**Contract and Land Management  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 12**

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**Subject:** Authorize execution of a construction contract with CAPITAL EXCAVATION COMPANY, Austin, TX, for the Pfluger Bridge Extension Project in the amount of \$1,785,385.40 plus a \$90,000 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,875,385.40.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Lora Teed 974-7025; Annick Beaudet 974-6505; Robin Field 974-7064; April Thedford 974-7141

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of four (4) 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 1.69% MBE 0.29% WBE subcontractor participation.

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The Pfluger Bridge Extension project will extend the James D. Pfluger Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge from its existing northwest arm across Cesar Chavez Street. The landing of the bridge will be just to the east of Sandra Muraida Way within Sand Beach Reserve (zip code 78703), where an earthen mound will be constructed to receive the bridge and carry bicycle and pedestrian traffic to ground level. Tree plantings, landscaping, lighting and irrigation are also included in the project. Further planned improvements include a bicycle and pedestrian trail through the Gables Development and the Bowie Underpass (a crossing under the railroad tracks which is currently in design) to carry bicycle and pedestrian traffic to 3rd Street at Bowie Street. The Pfluger Bridge Extension project will eliminate a major barrier to bicycle and pedestrian traffic (Cesar Chavez Street), create connectivity to the growing network of bicycle and pedestrian paths in Austin, and provide a direct, north-south route to the Market District for cyclists and pedestrians. The design process included extensive public outreach and involvement, and a Community Advisory Group determined the final route for the project.

A 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The contract allows 310 calendar days for completion of this project.