

AGENDA



Thursday, May 27, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 15**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with TRCU, LTD., Houston, TX for the South IH-35 Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program Segment 10 – Bradshaw Road south of Plantation Drive, 42-Inch Water Main project in the amount of \$1,478,629.95 plus \$73,931.50 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,552,561.45.

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

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 5.42% MBE and 2.41% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

This project will involve the installation of approximately 4,500 linear feet of 42-inch diameter water pipe at varying depths from River Plantation Drive to the end of future Pleasant Valley Road. The water main will be installed via open-cut trench. Additionally, the project will include the restoration of vegetation affected by the construction effort.

The project is the result of a Service Extension Request (SER) submitted by developers working with the Austin Water Utility (AWU). The project was included in the South IH-35 Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program by the AWU, as part of AWU's Long-Range Master Plan. The first phase of the South IH-35 Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements Program, of which this project is a part, is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2010.

A five percent contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The contract price includes a \$10,000 allowance for possible delay associated with the availability of water for testing and disinfection. The contract allows 210 calendar days for completion of this project.