## Thursday, February 10, 2011

## Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 5

**Subject:** Authorize execution of a construction contract with AUSTIN ENGINEERING CO., INC., Austin, TX, for Williamson Creek-Covered Bridge Drive Low Water Crossing Update in the amount of \$580,595 plus a \$58,059.50 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$638,654.50.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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974-3345; Susan Garnett, 974-7064; Felecia Shaw, 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of 5 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) by meeting the goals with 12.39% MBE and 4.30% WBE subcontractor participation.

Covered Bridge is located in southwest Austin in the Williamson Creek watershed which is a tributary to Onion Creek. The existing culverts on Culvert Bridge crossing Williamson Creek need to be upgraded to meet the City's Drainage Criteria to safely pass the 25 and 100 year storm flows. In order to achieve this, the project will add two 9ft by 9ft box culverts to the existing culverts and raise the road approximately one and one-half feet for about 400 linear feet of the roadway.

In 2009, a public information meeting was held for the residents of the Covered Bridge subdivision. A "Meet the Contractor" meeting will be held immediately after the City awards the contract so that the residents are given a point of contact for issues that arise during construction.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right of way, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 120 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78736.