



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

MOBILITY COMMITTEE

Date: April 29, 2015

Agenda Item #: 6

6. Consider and develop recommendations relating to a professional services agreement with WISS, JANNEY, ELSTNER ASSOCIATES, INC., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP167, to provide peer review engineering services for the Peer Review of Barton Springs Road Bridge over Barton Creek in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. Related to Item #5.

(Notes: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Limited subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no MBE/WBE participation goals were established for this solicitation.)

Sponsors/Department: Public Works Department

Summary of Discussion: Provided an overview of the City's bridge program; discussed proposed bridge improvements on Redbud Trail and Barton Springs Road; would like to bring RCAs for award of design and peer review contracts to full Council with committee endorsement; also interested in initiating outreach community outreach process.

Public Comments:

- Caroline Wright, Preservation Austin: Neutral position; Discussed the importance of historical reviews of these projects.
- Mary Arnold, Resident: Expressed concerns about the bridge proposal, unhappy about information disseminated in the Redbud Trail presentation given to the West Austin neighborhood group which showed construction would cut into limestone.
- Leslie Valentine, Resident: Expressed concerns about the bridge proposal, concerned about preserving Austin's natural beauty with this project.

Direction: N/A

Recommendation: On a 4-0 vote, the Committee voted to pass these items (5-8) to full City Council with a recommendation for them to be approved.