

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: September 20, 2018

Item Number: 049

Transportation - Mobility Bond

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Austin Underground, Inc. (MBE), for the Slaughter/South 1st Intersection Safety Improvements Project, in the amount of \$1,624,357.20 plus a \$162,435.72 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,786,792.92. [Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 95.43% MBE and 1.15% WBE participation.]

District(s) Affected: District 1, District 2, District 4, District 5, District 7

Lead Department	Capital Contracting Office <u>Managing Department(s)</u> Austin Transportation Department
Fiscal Note	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.
Purchasing Language	Lowest responsive bid of three bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov. NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749 or Aiden Cohen, 512-974-1929, or the Project Manager, Amica Bose, 512-974-6447.

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Additional Backup Information:

This item is related to the 2016 Mobility Bond.

As part of the Intersection Safety/Vision Zero component of the Local Mobility Program of the 2016 Mobility Bond, it was determined that three major intersections required critical safety improvements. These intersections were chosen based on parameters such as crash frequency, crash rates, and crash severity for all modes of transportation, and were identified on a June 2016 Top Crash Location Intersections Priorities list. The intersections identified are:

- West Slaughter Lane/South 1st Street (Districts 2 and 5);
- West Slaughter Lane/Cullen Avenue (Districts 2 and 5), and
- IH-35 Service Road/East Braker Lane (Districts 1, 4, and 7), and
- Are referred to collectively as the “Slaughter/South 1st Intersection Safety Improvements Project.”

This project includes the construction of critical multi-modal safety improvements at three high-crash intersections in Austin. Currently, the Austin Transportation Department has completed construction of safety improvements at seven high-crash intersections throughout Austin funded by a variety of sources. Early results from completed projects show a 20% to 50% reduction in total crashes and a significant reduction in serious injury crashes. These three intersections are part of 15 locations identified as high-crash locations within the City. Improvements to the locations will be funded by the Intersection Safety/Vision Zero program of the Local Mobility component of the 2016 Mobility Bond.

Due to the potential for unforeseen issues presented at the time of construction, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project.

Before construction on the intersections begin, neighboring businesses and residents will be notified about upcoming work via social media outreach and press releases.

A delay in issuing this Contract may affect the delivery of critical safety improvements at these high-crash intersections in Austin.

The contract allows 540 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip codes 78748 and 78753 (Council Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7).

Austin Underground, Inc. is located in Lago Vista, TX.

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website.

Link: Solicitation Documents

<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=124828>.