



Recommendation for Water & Wastewater Commission

Commission Meeting Date:	January 8, 2020
Council Meeting Date:	January 23, 2020
Department:	Public Works
Client:	Thomas Corner, Joe Hoepken, Matt Cullen, Bill Stauber, Anthony Hall
SUBJECT	
Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Smith Contracting Co., Inc., for Howard Lane Water Main Extension in the amount of \$1,057,821.75 plus a \$105,782.18 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,163,603.93.	
AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING	
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of Austin Water.	
Purchasing Language:	Lowest responsive bid of four bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.
Prior Council Action:	N/A
Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission on January 8, 2020.
MBE/WBE:	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 8.79% MBE and 1.99% WBE participation.

The existing water infrastructure in Howard Lane currently has a gap, preventing service to the property lots developing between Gregg Lane and Harris Branch Parkway. Based on the area's designation as a Desired Development Zone (DDZ), Austin Water has determined that the existing line requires an extension to connect into the existing system to provide service to the new developing lots as well as link up the two existing systems to provide continuous and reliable water service.

The Howard Lane Water Main Extension project consists of the installation an extension of a 16-inch water main along Howard Lane from Gregg Lane to Harris Branch Parkway. This extension will be approximately 3,523 linear feet and connect to existing installations. This project will fix a crucial gap in the water distribution system in the Northeast corner of Austin Water's service area and DDZ.

The project is contained within Travis County right-of-way with the exception of its terminus at the intersection of Howard Lane and Harris Branch Parkway which is in City of Austin right-of-way. Permit approval for full roadway closure of Gregg Lane from the Travis County Commissioner's Court was granted on August 6, 2019. Impact to the public will be single travel and bike lane closures on Howard Lane during the installation of the 16-inch water line. Existing water and wastewater services will be kept in continuous operation with no interruptions anticipated throughout the construction duration.

A delay in approving this contract will cause a delay in providing needed service to growing and developing area of northeast Austin.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions, 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.

The contract allows 365 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78754 (District 1). The project will be managed by the Public Works Department.

Smith Contracting Co., Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).