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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a Standard Utility Agreement with the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION for funding of the relocation of water lines at IH-35 and Yager Lane.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Public Works

DIRECTOR'S

DEPARTMENT:

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by Water and Wastewater Commission.

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE/WBE: N/A

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) plans to construct roadway and drainage improvements to IH-35 in the vicinity of the intersection of IH-35 with Yager Lane and Tech Ridge Boulevard. The Austin Water Utility (AWU) is required to relocate and adjust existing water utilities as necessary to prevent conflict with the proposed TxDOT roadway improvements. According to the terms of this agreement, TxDOT will pay all costs relating to the relocation with the exception of easement acquisition costs. TxDOT will include the construction plans and specifications for the waterline relocations in the general contract for construction of the roadway improvements so that the work can be coordinated with the other construction operations. TxDOT intends to award the construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder in April 2005. TxDOT will reimburse the AWU for all project management costs, construction inspection costs and any other applicable expenses incurred in relation to the relocation, with the exception of costs related to easement acquisition. There is no upper limit to the amount that will be reimbursed by TxDOT.

This Standard Utility Agreement is a part of the standard TxDOT reimbursement package, which also includes:

- Plans, specifications and estimated costs
- AWU accounting method
- Statement covering utility construction contract work
- AWU eligibility ratio
- Proof of property interest

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- Statement indicating inclusion in highway construction contract
- Utility joint use acknowledgement

The estimated construction cost of the water line relocations is \$1,136,000, which will be paid by TxDOT as part of the general construction contract. Upon execution of this agreement, AWU can submit to TxDOT requests for reimbursement for project management costs, construction inspection costs and any other expenses incurred in relation to the water line relocation.

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