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Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 28

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with URBAN DESIGN GROUP (WBE/FR 52.23%), Austin, TX, for engineering services for the East 7th Street Corridor Improvements Project – Priority Area 1 for streetscape and safety improvements in the amount of \$385,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$730,985.96.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of 385,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Capital Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

Additional Backup Material

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- ☐ **AUTHORIZATION HISTORY**
- ☐ **MAP**
- ☐ **NPZD Fiscal Note**

For More Information: Renée Orr, 974-7241, Pollyanne Melton, 974-6459, or Laura Bohl, 974-7064.


MBE/WBE: 19.60% MBE and 19.70% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

Boards and Commission Action: A briefing was presented to the Design Commission and to the Urban Transportation Commission.

Prior Council Action: May 25, 2006, by Resolution No. 20060525-051

The improvements proposed with this project comply with the values and goals established in the East 7th Street Corridor Concept Plan. This concept plan included a study of the entire corridor from IH -35 to Shady Lane. With input from the community, a palette of recommended improvements was developed. The concept plan also recommended that the segment from Chicon to Pleasant Valley be implemented first. Accordingly, this first project proposes pedestrian safety and streetscape improvements which include the following: improved roadway and pedestrian lighting, relocation of some utilities to allow for tree planting, installation of street trees and landscaping, installation of art and wayfinding via seven "obeliscos", elimination of continuous laydown curb to define drive entrances, installation of 5-foot to 6-foot continuous sidewalks on both sides of East 7th Street, identification of areas with high pedestrian activity at signalized intersections with concrete pavers, installation of pavers in the center turn lane to visually narrow the roadway, provision of public parking in the right of way through the use of access lanes separated from travel lanes by a sidewalk in the block between Pedernales and Calles, and functional improvements to the pedestrian crossing at Calles and a gateway treatment at Pleasant Valley. Capital Metro will replace transit stops shelters within the project limits. Two wastewater (Austin Clean Water Program) and one waterline rehabilitation project will be incorporated into the construction of this project to minimize the impact to road users and businesses in the area. Four public meetings have been held for this segment of the corridor along with several smaller meetings with interested stakeholders.

Additional federal funding approved by Council on June 8, 2006, will allow a fuller realization of the project goals including strengthening the gateway treatment at Pleasant Valley, planting more street trees, redistributing roadway lighting for more even illumination to enhance the wayfinding and art, and for reconstruction of more of the signalized intersections with pavers. This proposed amendment provides for the additional design services for these enhancements, as well as bid phase and construction phase services intended to take the project through completion. The construction of utility upgrades and project improvements will be accelerated to reduce impact to the businesses along the corridor and to the traveling public. The construction of this project is also being coordinated with TxDOT's rehabilitation of the Tillery Street Bridge. The traffic controls for the Tillery Bridge project



overlap with the project limits of the East 7th Street Project. If unforeseen issues arise with the Tillery Bridge Project, there may be delays in the East 7th Street Project, which could require reconfiguring the work or additional time during construction. Should these issues arise, it may be necessary to seek additional authority from Council.

AUTHORIZATION HISTORY

AMOUNT DATE -- DESCRIPTION

\$300,000.00(12/02/03) – Design Phase Services

\$41,524.07 02/06/06 (Administrative Authority) – Additional public involvement, “obelisco” designs, additional urban designs.

\$385,000.00 Proposed (Council) -- Finalize design phase, bid and construction phase services.

\$ 726,524.07 *Total Contract Authorization*

CONTRACT HISTORY

AMOUNT DATE -- DESCRIPTION

\$304,461.89 12/02/03 -- Original Professional Services Agreement for Design Services

\$41,524.07 02/06/06 -- SA #1 -- Additional public involvement, “obelisco” designs, additional urban designs.

\$385,000.00Proposed -- SA #2 -- Finalize design phase, bid and construction phase services

\$ 730,985.96 *Total Contract Expenditures*

Participation goals stated in the original approved compliance plan for the agreement were 1.1% African American (MB); 5.9% Hispanic (MH); 1.7% Native /Asian American (MA); and 18.2% WBE.

Participation for this amendment:

WBE TOTAL – PRIME	\$ 231,984.25	60.26 %
Urban Design Group, Austin, TX	\$ 231,984.25	60.26 %
MBE TOTAL – SUBCONSULTANTS	\$ 76,433.75	19.85 %
African American Subtotal	\$ 35,302.00	9.17 %
HVJ Associates, Inc., Austin, TX (geotechnical investigations, pavement design)	\$ 35,302.00	9.17 %
Hispanic Subtotal	\$ 11,936.75	3.10 %
José Martinez and Associates, Austin, TX (Communications/Public Relations Consulting)	\$ 11,936.75	3.10 %
Asian American Subtotal	\$ 29,195.00	7.58 %
Encotech Engineering Consultants, Inc., Austin, TX (mechanical, electrical engineering)	\$ 29,195.00	7.58%
WBE TOTAL – SUBCONTRACTORS	\$ 54,647.00	14.19 %
Eleanor H. McKinney Landscape Architect, Austin, TX (landscape architecture)	\$54,647.00	14.19 %
NON M/WBE TOTAL – SUBCONTRACTORS	\$ 21,935.00	5.70 %
Fd2s, Austin, TX (wayfinding, signage)	\$19,435.00	5.05 %
Bos Lighting Design, Houston, TX (lighting design)	\$2,500.00	0.65 %

Overall participation for the entire project, including this amendment:

PRIME:

52.23% WBE

SUBCONSULTANTS:

9.74% MB; 3.95% MH; 0% MN; 5.91% MA; 19.7% WBE; and 8.47% Non M/WBE.

TOTAL:

9.74% MB; 3.95% MH; 0% MN; 5.91% MA; 71.93% WBE; and 8.47% Non M/WBE.

East 7th Street Corridor Improvements Project



CIP BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

10-Aug-06
Resolution not required
Neighborhood Planning and Zoning

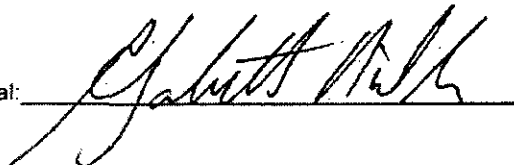
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Project Name:	E. 7th Street Corridor from Chicon to Pleasant Valley
Project Authorization:	2005-2006 Amended Capital Budget
Funding Source:	CMTA - 1/4 Cent
Fund/Agency/Orgn:	8581-257-9101

Total Current Appropriation	\$4,300,000.00
Available Balance	\$3,458,816.00
Amount of this Action	<u>(\$385,000.00)</u>
Estimated Available	<u>\$3,073,816.00</u>

Financial Approval:



Date:

7.20.06