



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Rolando Fernandez Jr., Interim Capital Contracting Officer

DATE: June 13, 2017

SUBJECT: June 15, 2017 City Council Agenda: Transportation Mobility Bond Item 53

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On the June 15, 2017 City Council agenda, Council will consider Item 53 which is related to the 2016 Mobility Bond program and requests Council authorization to negotiate and execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with Urban Design Group (UDG) to provide planning services for the Colony Park Sustainable Community Initiative and the Colony Loop Drive Corridor Mobility Project. The purpose of this memo is to provide additional information regarding the funding appropriation.

Through an appropriation in FY 2016, the Economic Development Department (EDD) entered into a \$43,729.38 contract with UDG to support the implementation of the Colony Park Master Plan, provide value engineering recommendations, and provide support services to assist with the master developer solicitation efforts. An amendment to this existing contract is requested to allow UDG to provide additional engineering services for the Colony Park Sustainable Community Initiative and the Colony Loop Drive Corridor Mobility Project for the EDD and the Austin Transportation Department, respectively. The preliminary engineering recommendations and possible design work necessary for future construction consideration on the new portion of Colony Loop Drive and the improvements along its existing east and west portions will be funded through a combination of City operating and Mobility Bond funds as follows:

Total Funding Request: \$605,000

**Operating Funding Requested:** Up to \$105,000 in EDD operating funding is requested for UDG to provide engineering services to complete the easements and permitting for the existing Colony Loop Drive Subdivision Construction plans; provide engineering services to coordinate adjacent planning and development projects in the area such as Colony Park District Park, Parker Creek Ranch, Walter E. Long Master Plan, Austin Resource Recovery Master Plan, and others; and provide additional engineering services to support the master developer solicitation and procurement process including

evaluation of implementation plans, and estimating infrastructure construction costs during exclusive negotiations to form the master development agreement.

**Mobility Bond Funding Requested:** Mobility Bond funding in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 is requested for UDG to provide preliminary engineering recommendations and possible design work for the approximately 1.5 mile Colony Loop Drive corridor from Loyola Lane to Decker Lane, and to design value engineering and phasing alternates for the Colony Loop Drive Subdivision Construction Plans to align the existing Subdivision and Construction Plans with the Corridor Mobility project requirements.

**Why contract with UDG?:** Council selected UDG and Farr Associates (a Joint Venture) through a competitive qualifications-based selection process to develop the Colony Park Master Plan that Council adopted. As the co-lead to the consultant team, retaining UDG for the master plan implementation allows for leveraging of UDG's unique skillset and history of the project having provided project management and engineering services to the master plan development. UDG's familiarity with the project will allow them to build upon work completed during the master plan development seamlessly, avoid delays, and reduce cost to the project. Furthermore, UDG couples the requisite technical expertise to carry out essential engineering duties as well as value engineering, and estimating. It is also important to note that UDG's involvement in the robust community engagement process undertaken for the master plan development has garnered trust with the Colony Park community. This relationship and trust will be valuable for successful completion of the Colony Park Sustainable Community Initiative and the Colony Loop Drive Corridor Mobility Project. For these aforementioned reasons, UDG is the most qualified firm to perform this work.

Please feel free to contact me at 512-974-7749 if you have any questions.

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Encl: Colony Loop Drive Map



*Note: Illustration subject to change as project develops.*

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