

## AGENDA



Thursday, February 25, 2010

**Contract and Land Management**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Item No. 22**

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**Subject:** Authorize execution of a construction contract with LAUGHLIN-THYSSEN, INC. of Houston, TX, for the South IH-35 Water Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Program Segment 1 – Slaughter Lane to Slaughter Creek, 36-Inch Water Main project in the amount of \$2,116,403 plus \$211,640.30 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,328,043.30.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Phillip Jaeger 972-0232; Joe Hoepken, P.E. 974-1171; April Thedford 974-7141

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of twelve (12) bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 31.01% MBE and 2.36% WBE subcontractor participation.

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

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This project will involve the installation of approximately 4,100 linear feet of 36-inch diameter water pipe at varying depths along the western right-of-way of South IH-35 from Slaughter Lane to Slaughter Creek. The water main will be installed via open-cut trench and bore methods. Additionally, the project will include the restoration of vegetation affected by the construction effort.

The project is the result of a Service Extension Request (SER) submitted by developers working with the Austin Water Utility (AWU). The project was included in the South I-35 Water/Wastewater Program by the AWU, as part of AWU's Long-Range Master Plan. The first phase of the South I-35 Water/Wastewater Program, of which this project is a part, is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2010.

Changed conditions and/or utility conflicts are expected along the fully developed course of the proposed water improvements; thus, construction changes are likely and a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 280 calendar days for completion of this project.