Thursday, November 4, 2010

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 3

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with FORSYTHE BROTHERS INFRASTRUCTURE, L.L.C., Austin, TX for Channel Road Bridge Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$308,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Alison von Stein, 974-7217; Susan Garnett, 974-7064; Sarah Terry, 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of 5 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 10.39% MBE and 1.72% WBE subcontractor participation.

The existing Channel Road Bridge is a one lane, light-duty wooden bridge spanning Rocky Cliff Slough off Lake Austin near the Loop 360 bridge. The bridge is in poor condition and is of substandard width.

This project will replace the bridge with a pre-fabricated bridge approximately 14 feet wide by 40 feet long. The project includes removal of the existing bridge, installation of new abutments and pilings, and transition pavement to the road.

Daytime closures (9 am to 4 pm) will be used to construct the supporting structures for the proposed bridge. Traffic plates will be used to allow access druing non-working hours. During placement of the prefabricated bridge, which is supposed to take place within one Saturday, there will be no access available for up to 12 hours (7AM-7PM). Residents that will be landlocked during this time will be encouraged to stay in or leave for the day. Staff has had two community meetings regarding this work and there were no objections raised by the residents. After the new bridge is in place, installation of the roadway transitions and railing will follow the daily closure plan mentioned above.

The contract allows 120 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78746.