

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 6

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with SMITH CONTRACTING CO., INC., Austin, TX for the Traffic System Management Improvements – Braker Lane at Hwy 183 project in an amount not to exceed \$198,782.50.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Allison Dietzel, 974-7098; Peter Marsh, 974-7021; Susan Garnett, 974-7064; Sara Terry, 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest compliant bid of 6 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 8.83% MBE and 7.78% WBE subcontractor participation.

This project includes construction of a 500-foot right turn lane from westbound Braker Lane to the northbound frontage road of US Highway 183. It also includes sidewalk and accessible ramp improvements from Seton Center Parkway to US Highway 183, as well as drainage improvements to convey runoff to a nearby water quality pond.

This section of Braker Lane connects Northeast Austin and North MoPac to US Highway 183. The addition of the dedicated right turn lane will reduce delays for westbound traffic on Braker Lane turning onto the northbound service road of US Highway 183.

The contract allows 150 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78759.