

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	54034	Agenda Number	42.
Meeting Date:	January 28, 2016			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with TCS INTERNATIONAL for the installation of sensors and signage for the implementation of a dynamic parking system for the Transportation Department, in an amount not to exceed \$658,164.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of the Transportation Department.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:	Sole Source			
Prior Council Action:	September 22, 2011 – approved contract with Found Design, dba MERJE, to provide Planning Design services for the Austin Downtown Wayfinding System.			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.			

Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide sensors and signage required to manage the Austin Wayfinding parking system. The Wayfinding System is an integrated tool that provides a real-time method of identifying available parking throughout downtown. The proprietary system utilizes sensors to monitor available parking spots and posts the availability on signage in the right-of-way along Cesar Chavez Street as well as the entrances and exits of public parking lots at City Hall, Central Library and the Seaholm district.

In September 2011, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Found Design LLC, dba MERJE, to develop the Wayfinding System. Through the collaboration with MERJE, TCS International (TCS) was identified to provide products, systems, and expertise and technical knowledge in the development of the dynamic parking system. The resulting system will utilize hardware and software designed in conjunction with proprietary TCS products.

This project is specifically targeted to help traffic flow during major events in the City, and should be completed before South by Southwest in March 2016.