

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (CCO)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	59161	<b>Agenda Number</b>	19.
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 23, 2016			
<b>Department:</b>	Capital Contracting Office			
<b>Subject</b>				
Authorize negotiation and execution of amendments to the professional services agreement with OPTICOS DESIGN, INC., for additional architectural, urban design, planning, and engineering services for CodeNEXT, the Comprehensive Land Development Code revision and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan project in the amount of \$1,065,215.40, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,712,462.60.				
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>				
Funding in the amount of \$445,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of the Planning and Zoning Department. Funding in the amount of \$620,215.40 is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.				
<b>Fiscal Note</b>				
A fiscal note is attached.				
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Original contract was awarded to Opticos Design, Inc. through the City's qualifications-based selection process.			
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	November 20, 2014 – Council authorized an amendment to the professional services agreement for Phase 2 and the Airport Boulevard Form-Based Code Initiative.  March 21, 2013 – Council authorized negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc.			
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>				
<b>Related Items:</b>				
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 10.45% MBE and 8.04% WBE participation to date.			

**Additional Backup Information**

The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council in June 2012 and included a recommendation to revise the City's development regulations to assist in the implementation of the plan. In March 2013, City Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc. City Council authorized Phase 2 of this work (including work related to completion of the Airport Boulevard Form – Based Code Initiative) in November 2014.

This request is for increased contract authority for Additional Land Development Code-Related Services, including Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, Phase 2 as requested and approved by Council through the FY 2015-16 budget process. Details are provided below.

**Additional Land Development Code-Related Services (\$445,000):**

To date, work on this project has included the following consultant services:

- Listening to the Community;
- Community Character Manual;
- Code Diagnosis;
- Post-SoundCHECK Report;
- Code Prescriptions: Natural and Built Environment; Household Affordability; and
- Production of an administrative (for review by City staff) draft of the code.

The consultant is close to completing all of the tasks in the existing contract scope of services and the additional tasks outlined below are necessary to keep the CodeNEXT process on track with its current schedule to develop and provide a public draft of the revised land development code in 2017. The contract was designed to be amended in phases as additional tasks required to produce a draft code are clarified through the public engagement process.

As the consultant is reaching the end of its existing contracted scope of services and additional tasks have been requested and approved by Council through the FY 2015-16 budget process, staff requests authorization for this amendment to fund services related to the following task areas:

- Preparation of the draft code for public review and feedback;
- Code Workshops and open houses;
- Integrate Green Infrastructure into the Land Development Code; and
- Additional Communications and Public Engagement.

**Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, Phase 2 (\$620,215.40):**

Phase 1 of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (Supplemental Amendment #6) began an update to the city-wide transportation plan by establishing a framework for updating the transportation network and associated street functional classifications needed to draft the form-based code. The new transportation framework includes street types based on land use context and transportation function, and takes into account all modes of transportation. Understanding the approach to an updated city-wide transportation plan, especially the interface between the street (right-of-way) and private realm, allowed for more realistic conditions when testing of form-based code options. The new transportation framework can be completed only after further planning to update the overall city-wide transportation plan that will consider the new draft CodeNEXT zoning standards.

Staff requests authorization for Phase 2 of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan. Using the existing CodeNEXT consultant team for Phase 2 builds upon the nexus between land use and transportation. It is critical to the success of the project to

bring continuity and clarity to emerging land use and transportation standards. The current team brought unique expertise when developing cross-section concepts for the SoundCHECK, a weeklong design and testing platform for emerging draft code standards held in November 2015. Thus the request to increase authorization with this contract is to carry continuity amongst the team for these deliverables, rather than hire a new team through a separate contract that would be required to coordinate with the CodeNEXT team. The consultant will work with the City to accomplish the plan's scope which includes the following elements:

- Project Initiation and Management;
- Community Engagement;
- State of the City – an assessment of existing conditions;
- Scenario Evaluation – will help identify a preferred strategy;
- Inviting Success – implementation of the planning portion of the process; and
- Plan Reporting and Ordinance Adoption.

The CodeNEXT effort is led by the Planning and Zoning Department and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan effort is led by the Austin Transportation Department.

This amendment has been approved by the City's Change Control Committee. The Change Control Committee was established to comply with Council Resolution No. 20120126-048, which required the establishment of consistent criteria and process to evaluate contractual changes for all contracts administered by the Capital Contracting Office. The Change Control Committee is comprised of management-level subject matter experts.

Opticos Design, Inc. is located in Berkley, CA.