

## AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 14, 2017

Item Number: 007

## Capital Contracting Office

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Smith Contracting Co., Inc., for the Upper Boggy Creek Trail Phase 1 project in an amount of \$2,490,028.00, plus a \$249,002.80 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,739,030.80. (Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program] by meeting the goals with 8.91% DBE participation.)

District(s) Affected: District 1

<b>Lead Department</b>	Capital Contracting Office  <b><u>Managing Department(s)</u></b> Public Works Department
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.
<b>Purchasing Language</b>	Lowest responsive bid of four bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.
<b>Prior Council Action</b>	N/A
<b>For More Information</b>	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov.  NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749 or Aiden Cohen, 512-974-1929.

<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action</b>	To be reviewed by the Planning Commission on December 12, 2017.  September 20, 2017 - Recommended by the Environmental Commission on a 7-1-0 vote with Commissioner Smith absent and Commissioner Istvan off the dais.

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

A recommendation for the Upper Boggy Creek Trail was made in both the 2001 Rosewood Neighborhood Plan and the 2009 MLK Jr. Transit Oriented Development Station Area Plan. The new trail will connect an existing trail south of East 12<sup>th</sup> Street with the MetroRail MLK Station on Alexander Avenue. The new segment will form part of the Redline and Eastlink Trails that will connect to the Domain and the Northern Walnut Creek Trail and provide the community with a safer route to access the MetroRail MLK Station.

This project will consist of:

- The complete installation of an all-weather multi-use trail approximately one-half mile long;
- The construction of a 120-foot long steel truss pedestrian bridge across Boggy Creek;
- Mechanically stabilized earthen wall bank stabilization;
- Ball field and trail lighting wiring, and
- Wastewater line, irrigation system, and landscaping inclusive of tree transplanting, roadway, sidewalk, and utility work.

This contract will include award of an alternate bid item in an amount of \$178,090 for upgrading the trail material from asphalt to concrete. An alternate bid is a specified item of the construction work that is priced separately for additional items of work that may be awarded as part of the contract if the bids come within the specified budget.

Community outreach for this project began in 2007 with onsite meetings and is ongoing with community members, personnel from the Sustainable Food Center, the Six Square organization, and Friends of Boggy Creek. Another public meeting will be held before construction begins to inform the community of the upcoming work.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and possible utility conflicts, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project.

Delaying this project will impact the Urban Trails Master Plan goal of implementing all Tier I projects within 10-15 years. The project is also funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. A delay in awarding this project may risk losing grant funding.

The contract allows 350 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78702 (District 1).

Smith Contracting Co., Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website.

Link: Solicitation Documents

<[https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor\\_connection/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=119469](https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=119469)>.