

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: May 24, 2018

Item Number: **023**

Public Works

Authorize negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the relocation and adjustment of existing water lines and appurtenances in conflict with TxDOT's Slaughter Creek Overpass Improvement project on IH-35 in the amount of \$69,305 plus a 20% contingency of \$13,861 for a total amount not to exceed \$83,166.

For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the Adewale Odufuye, 512-974-7119; Aldo Ranzani, 512-974-1122; Selinda Mendez, 512-974-3554.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	Item passed on Commissioner Michel's motion and Commissioner Castleberry's second on a 10-0 vote with Commissioner Penn absent.

Additional Backup Information:

This project is for the relocation of existing water lines and appurtenances in conflict with TxDOT IH 35 at Slaughter Creek Overpass Roadway Improvement project.

This project will construct and replace approximately 335 linear feet of existing 8 inch water line with a new 12 inch ductile iron water line including valves. The City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation have agreed to include the construction of these relocations in the Texas Department of Transportation contract. The initial existing utility investigation conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation did not find the existing 8 inch water line crossing IH 35 to be in conflict. This conflict was discovered during construction.

This project is a federally funded project. Per Standard Utility Agreement and in accordance with federally funded projects, the Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for

providing 100% of the engineering and construction costs and, reimbursing the City for inspection and administrative costs of the projects, except betterments.

The project also provides an opportunity for Austin Water to upgrade its existing infrastructure to better serve the growing Austin Metropolitan area. The requested upgrades and additions are considered “betterments” and will be constructed by the Texas Department of Transportation as part of the project and funded by Austin Water. This fund request is for the upgrade, which is considered a betterment.

The City agrees to provide construction inspection and testing for this project and agrees to provide funding to the Texas Department of Transportation for construction of water lines and appurtenances, including the cost of any change orders made necessary by field changes to address unanticipated conditions under the terms and conditions in this agreement. The Texas Department of Transportation shall obtain the written approval of the City for all change order requests prior to the Texas Department of Transportation issuing the approved change order to the contractor.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right-of-way, a 20% 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.

This project is managed by Public Works Department.

This project is located within zip codes 78748 and 78747 (District 5).