

# **Recommendation for Action**

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3/26/2020

# Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. for construction phase engineering services for the Parmer Lane Interceptor project in an amount not to exceed \$700,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,500,000.

[Note: This amendment will be awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 7.64% MBE and 10.22% WBE.].

## Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

## Managing Department

Public Works Department

#### Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

#### Purchasing Language:

Original contract was awarded through a qualifications-based selection process.

#### Prior Council Action:

December 1, 2016 - Council approved an amendment to the professional services agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. for the Parmer Lane Interceptor project.

July 23, 2009 - Council approved a professional services agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. for the Parmer Lane Interceptor project.

#### For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov <mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Beverly Mendez, 512-974-3596, or the Project Manager, Eric Bailey, 512-974-7713.

## Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

March 11, 2020 - Reviewed by Water and Wastewater Commission with Commissioners Penn and Turrieta recusing, and with Commissioners Michel, Parton, Schmitt, and Williams absent.

November 9, 2016 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioner Ho abstaining and Commissioners Parker and Turrieta absent.

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July 8, 2009 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 4-2-1.

### Additional Backup Information:

The Parmer Lane Interceptor project involves the installation of over two miles of 42-inch diameter wastewater pipeline along Parmer Lane, between Anderson Mill and McNeil Roads, to better protect public health and the environment and reduce operating expenses by removing aged and underperforming wastewater facilities.

Once installed, wastewater will flow by gravity to the Walnut Creek wastewater treatment plant enabling the decommissioning of the Lake Creek and Rattan Creek lift stations, which will increase reliability and lower operation and maintenance requirements.

The tunnel's construction has exceeded the original schedule (by more than 400 days) primarily due to encountering unanticipated subsurface conditions. Tunneling through these conditions has been more difficult than expected, thus delaying the work. The consultant's construction phase services provides for on-site engineering and inspection services, among other things, for ensuring the tunnel and the pipe are built in accordance with the specifications. This amendment will allow the consultant to continue providing these critical services through the end of the adjusted construction completion date. Services for this amendment provide for continued professional engineering services through the new substantial completion date of July 2020.

The construction is occurring entirely within City property and Austin Water permanent and temporary easements. This project has minimal impact to the public.

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.

Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

#### Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Health and Environment.