



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3400, **Agenda Item #:** 19.

11/4/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with MAC, Inc., for the Violet Crown Trail - North Phase 2A project in the amount of \$1,366,693 plus a \$136,669.30 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,503,362.30.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Program) by meeting the goals with 22.23% DBE participation.]

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office.

Managing Department

Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of five bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bids solicitation.

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; Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423; or the Project Manager, Javi Gonzalez, 512-974-5635.

Additional Backup Information:

The Violet Crown Trail - North Phase 2A project is part of the Violet Crown Trail system, a partnership project with the Hill Country Conservancy. The Violet Crown Trail begins at Barton Springs Pool in Zilker Park, and once complete, will extend 30 miles south into Hays County. The Public Works Department is responsible for the construction of two trail segments within this system. The first, Violet Crown Trail - South, was completed in August 2018. The Violet Crown Trail - North Phase 2A segment will extend from Home Depot Boulevard to Loop 1, just north of William Cannon Drive, and will connect the Sunset Valley Marketfair Shopping Center to the Arbor Trails Shopping Center through a one-mile, multi-use trail, including a grade-separated crossing at Mopac. This project is funded by the 2012 Transportation and Mobility Bond and the 2016 Mobility Bond, and will be awarded based upon concurrence from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The Violet Crown Trail is identified as a Tier I (high priority) Urban Trail in the Urban Trails Plan and is considered key transportation infrastructure. Implementation through this project will expand safe connections to neighborhoods, parks, libraries, shopping centers and more. The project will provide a new connection and

help to achieve the Austin Strategic Mobility Goal of 50/50 mode share by 2039.

This item includes two allowances. The allowance of \$63,600 will be used to address trail access and parking improvements that will be determined during construction. The allowance of \$200,000 will be used to cover all materials, equipment, labor, and work necessary for and incidental to the construction of a precast concrete boardwalk system. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for a certain item(s) of work whose details are not yet determined at the time of bidding.

Due to the potential for unexpected conditions during construction, 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. By authorizing the additional contingency funding, Council is authorizing any change orders within the contingency amount.

The project proposes lane closures and/or detours during off-peak traffic hours. The contractor will install appropriate traffic detour signs and barricades to direct traffic. Roadways will be reopened to the public at the end of each working day. If access cannot be maintained, written notice of limited access will be provided to the affected property owner(s) at least 24 hours in advance.

This construction contract is time sensitive and is a critical component in the improvement of mobility options for pedestrians and cyclists in the area. Delay or deferral of this contract will require additional time and cost to the City through additional permitting efforts and may impact project funding in the amount of \$1.177 million through its Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) grant.

The contract allows 330 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78749 (District 8), and within zip code 78745, within the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

MAC, Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility.