



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1524, Agenda Item #: 17.

4/7/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with DeNucci Constructors, LLC for the Airport Boulevard - North Lamar Boulevard to 55th Street project in the amount of \$12,189,457 plus a \$1,828,419 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$14,017,876.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 25.91% MBE and 1.46% WBE participation.]

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Corridor Program Office.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Purchasing Language:

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

For More Information:

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, Brandy Teague, 512-974-3067.

Additional Backup Information:

On November 8, 2016, Austin voters authorized the City to issue \$720,000,000 in Transportation and Mobility General Obligation bonds. Those bonds include \$482,000,000 for implementation of Corridor Mobility Plan recommendations as well as preliminary engineering and design on additional corridors and critical arterials. The Corridor Program Office received approval to proceed with further design and implementation with Resolution No. 20180426-028.

Through these actions, Airport Boulevard from North Lamar Boulevard to 55th Street received funding for approximately 1.5 linear miles of critical safety and mobility improvements, including five upgraded traffic signals with enhanced technology, pavement rehabilitation (mill and overlay), new signal and crosswalks at Clayton Lane, new shared-use paths for cyclists and pedestrians on both sides of the roadway, Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant bus stop improvements (in partnership with Capital Metro), street lighting, pavement markings, curb and gutter improvements, drainage improvements and rain gardens, median improvements, driveway reconstruction, and utility adjustments.

This item includes the following five allowances:

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- The allowance of \$150,000 will be used to address unidentified modifications to traffic control and project phasing required to account for other permitted work ongoing in the right-of-way during construction as well as the undefined traffic control requirements for the milling and overlay work in the Airport Boulevard at Lamar Boulevard Intersection.
 - The allowance of \$75,000 will be used to address undefined work on private property resulting from the closure and/or modification of property access from the City's right-of-way.
 - The allowance of \$420,000 will be used to address the handling and disposal of contaminated soil.
 - The allowance of \$125,000 will be used to address directional boring of traffic signal conduit under existing roadways.
 - The allowance of \$100,000 will be used to address undefined costs associated with Capital Metro permitting, insurance costs, as well as a Roadway Worker-in-Charge (RWIC) to be provided by Capital Metro as required during all work performed within the Capital Metro Rail right-of-way and associated foul zone (within 25-feet of the nearest rail centerline).

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 unforeseen circumstances or physical project conditions, a 15% 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.

Any delay of this item will impact the delivery of critical safety and mobility improvements for this urbanized, high-volume corridor that currently lacks accessible, safe, and continuous bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

The project calls for lane closures at varying locations and times during construction. Generally, two travel lanes on Airport Boulevard will remain open in each direction during peak hours (weekdays from 6 AM to 9 AM and 4 PM to 6 PM). At the Koenig Lane and Lamar Boulevard intersections, long-term closures of lanes will be required as the turning movements and medians are adjusted. Through access for vehicular traffic will continue throughout the project. Pedestrian and cyclist access will also remain by providing safe and accessible routes through and around construction zones. The Corridor Program Office will communicate information regarding the project with neighboring businesses and residents including using mailings, social media outreach, press releases, and portable changeable message signs to inform the public as the work progresses.

The contract allows 401 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip codes 78752, 78751, and 78757 (Districts 4 and 7).

DeNucci Constructors, LLC is located in Austin, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility.