



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #: 22-1559, Agenda Item #: 30.**

**4/7/2022**

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Austin Underground, Inc. (MBE), for the Jain Lane Street Realignment project in the amount of \$1,254,432 plus a \$313,608 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,568,040.

[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 95.19% MBE and 1.56% WBE participation.]

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department

### **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 three bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid 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, Dario Octaviano, 512-974-7607.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This project was developed in response to the passage of Resolution No. 20160616-033 by the Austin City Council to widen and realign Jain Lane. In conjunction with Resolution 20160303-019 and the Imagine Austin Master Plan, the project aims to improve access to affordable living to include housing, healthcare, and effective transportation with the goal of developing and retaining Austin's creative organizations, industries, and individuals.

Street reconstruction and realignment will include the construction of bike lanes, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drainage, and landscaping along Jain Lane. The project will increase vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian capacity and improve commuter and resident safety. The proposed 1,120 linear feet of roadway includes two vehicular travel lanes with bicycle lanes.

This item includes one allowance of \$100,000 that will be used to address contaminated soil and water in the event it is encountered. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract

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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 unknown conditions, a 25% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. This contingency is in excess of the standard 10% due to potential utility relocation issues with AT&T and Spectrum where the City's Contractor may need to relocate facilities on behalf of the private utilities. Any cost for the City's Contractor to perform relocation work on behalf of a private utility will be back-charged to the utility. 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.

During construction, street detours, impacts to traffic, and residents is expected in the vicinity of Jain Lane and the surrounding streets. The contractor will work to ensure that residents have access to their driveways. 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.

A delay in approving this contract could delay needed access to affordable housing in this area.

The contract allows 300 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78721.

Austin Underground, Inc. (MBE/MH) is located in Jonestown, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Safety, Government That Works for All, Economic Opportunity and Affordability, Mobility