



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #: 22-2647, Agenda Item #: 33.**

9/1/2022

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Muñiz Concrete & Contracting, Inc., for the Barton Springs Road - South 1st Street Intersection Safety Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,138,518 plus a \$113,852 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,252,370.

(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 15.38% MBE and 1.66% WBE participation).

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Managing Department**

Austin Transportation Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

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

### **Purchasing Language:**

Lowest responsive bid of two 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, Frank Guerra, 512-978-1660.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This project will implement critical safety and multi-modal improvements at the Barton Springs Road and South 1st street intersection (District 9), funded through the 2016 Mobility Bond. The project is designed to reduce crashes for all transportation modes, increase safety, and improve mobility and accessibility for those walking, riding bicycles or taking transit.

To date, the Austin Transportation Department has completed construction of safety improvements at 19 high-crash intersections throughout Austin, funded by various sources. Early results from completed projects show a 30% overall reduction in total crashes and a significant reduction in serious injury crashes.

The Austin Transportation Department has communicated with individual Council offices and the public regarding the scope of these intersection safety projects. Information regarding these projects is also publicly available on the City's Capital Projects Explorer and the Mobility Bond websites. In the fall, the Austin Transportation Department will communicate with neighboring businesses and residents using mailings, social media outreach, and press releases to inform the public about upcoming work.

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A delay in issuing this contract may affect the delivery of critical safety and multi-modal improvements at this intersection.

Due to the potential for unforeseen issues presented at the time of 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 contract allows 220 calendar days for the completion of this project, including the intersection mentioned above. This project is located within zip code 78704 (Council District 9).

Muñiz Concrete & Contracting, Inc., is located in Austin, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Mobility, Safety.