

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	24939	Agenda Number	12.
Meeting Date:	June 20, 2013			
Department:	Contract Management			
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF INC., for engineering services related to the IH-35 Corridor Development Program, a 2010 MOBILITY BOND PROJECT, in the amount of \$400,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,600,000.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is attached.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	<p>May 24, 2012 - Council approved negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff Americas, Inc. to provide engineering services for additional scope of the I-35 Corridor Development Program. May 24, 2012 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation; accepted \$1,200,000 in 2007 Proposition 12 Rider 42 grant funds. May 24, 2012 – Council amended Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Austin Transportation Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund and Capital Budget to transfer and appropriate \$1,200,000 for the study of mobility improvements. June 23, 2011 - Council approved negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Parsons Brinckerhoff Americas, Inc. to provide engineering services for the initial scope of the IH-35 Corridor Development Program.</p>			
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Boards and Commission Action:				

Related Items:	
MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 17.38% MBE and 28.23% WBE subconsultant participation to date.

Additional Backup Information

Traffic congestion within the Austin region is recognized by many as one of the major challenges to the future economic, environmental, and social health of the City. Residents of the City are affected daily by long commutes, congested freeway corridors, and a general lack of alternative travel routes. IH-35, running from south to north through the center of the community is among the most congested corridors within the region, the fourth most congested in Texas and the 17th worst in the U.S. according to the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI).

A project team is currently developing a series of short-, mid-, and long-range solutions based on the identified need from the Capital Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) in the region's 2035 Long Range Plan and Metropolitan Planning Work Plan. These solutions aim to maximize the potential throughput of the corridor between SH 45 on the south and SH 45 on the north. Along with developing these proposed solutions, the project team's scope has included: development of a corridor investment plan, identification of projects for future bond elections and other fund sources, identification of partnering opportunities, and coordination of public outreach.

The project team has held three public workshops, four series of three open houses and more than 40 stakeholder meetings with adjacent businesses, neighborhoods, educational institutions, churches and interested associations, in addition to social media and maintaining a program website. These efforts have generated over 400 ideas that were evaluated to define the problem and identify alternatives for technical and public review to develop an implementation strategy. Other agency stakeholders included in the program development: Federal Highway Administration; Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Travis County; TTI; CAMPO; Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA); Capitol Metropolitan Transit Authority (CMTA); and the City of Austin's Police, Fire, and EMS departments.

The systematic transportation demand management analysis of the corridor is most effective in alleviating congestion when performed on a regional scale. This analysis includes: identification and evaluation of a range of operational and system management alternatives such as dynamic rerouting, as well as demand management strategies such as managed express lanes.

The proposed amendment will extend the program management and public involvement activities into the implementation phase in coordination with TxDOT. The scope will include overall program and public outreach coordination. Together, with TxDOT as the lead, the agencies will move each viable project through schematic and environmental coordination; construction plans, right-of-way and utility coordination; and letting and construction. The developed projects will improve mobility, connectivity and safety for all modes of users including automobiles, transit, bicyclists and pedestrians through and across the I-35 corridor.

Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc., is located in Austin, TX.