

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	26304	Agenda Number	19.
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Meeting Date:	August 29, 2013
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Department:	Contract Management
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with AUSTIN URBAN RAIL PARTNERS for engineering services for the Austin Urban Rail Preliminary Engineering Study project in the amount of \$275,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,327,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	December 10, 2009 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Austin Urban Rail Partners.
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MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 1.26% MBE and 15.38% WBE subconsultant participation to date.
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Additional Backup Information

The City has identified a need for a transit investment that will provide critical connections between Central Austin activity centers and the emerging regional rail network; and to encourage efficient urban development in Central Austin. The City, together with its Project Connect partners, Capital Metro and Lone Star Rail, has initiated a Project Connect: Central Corridor study to identify the next high-capacity transit investment for Central Austin. This study will work with the community and various stakeholders to evaluate a range of sub-corridor, alignment, and mode alternatives and to define a project to be recommended as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).

The Urban Rail Preliminary Engineering Study has been concentrated on a number of early planning and engineering tasks in support of the Urban Rail Program, including advanced conceptual engineering, structural evaluations, cost estimates, and traffic studies.

This additional authorization will allow the consultant to continue similar efforts in support of the Project Connect: Central Corridor study, including tasks related to the definition and evaluation of alternatives and technical review of other consultants' work products.

This contract is managed by the Public Works Department.

This amendment has been approved by the City's Change Control Committee.

Austin Urban Rail Partners is located in Austin, Texas.