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Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting	Item ID:	34649	Agenda Number	20.
Meeting Date:	August 28, 2014			
Department:	Contract Management			
Subject				
Authorize execution of a change order to the construction contract with LAUGHLIN-THYSSEN, INC., for the Williamson Creek - Blarwood Storm Drain Improvements Project in the amount of \$150,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,796,029.50.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	February 28, 2013 – Council authorized change order # 2 and additional administrative authority approved. January 26, 2012 - Council authorized construction contract with Laughlin-Thyssen, Inc..			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 72.81% MBE and 5.05% WBE subcontractor participation to date including this change order.			
Related Items:				

Additional Backup Information

The City has received several requests from local residents in the Whispering Oaks Neighborhood in south Austin to mitigate frequent flooding problems during heavy rain events. The resulting Williamson Creek Blarwood Storm Drain project area is bounded by Campden Drive on the south, Baxter Drive on the north, Aldford Drive on the east and Blarwood on the west. The existing storm drain system in the project area was constructed in conjunction with the single family houses circa 1970. Development of the area occurred prior to the publication of the first City Drainage Criteria Manual in 1977, and was designed under different drainage criteria. Numerous flood complaints were registered in Watershed Protection Department's database.

This project will alleviate the flooding of streets, houses and yards through an upgraded storm drainage system that includes the construction of 11,000 linear feet of upgraded storm drain pipe and numerous new storm drain inlets throughout the neighborhood. Residents have formally requested service from the City to address four locations of reported street flooding, seven locations of reported house flooding, and sixteen additional locations of reported yard flooding.

This final change order will cover additional expenses caused by unanticipated site conditions, weather delays, and extended overhead and equipment costs which resulted in additional work and additional time.

This project is located within zip code 78745 and is managed by the Public Works Department.

This item is pending review by the City's Change Control Committee.

Laughlin-Thyssen, In. is located in Houston, Texas.