



Recommendation for Water & Wastewater Commission

Commission Meeting Date:	May 11, 2016
Council Meeting Date:	May 19, 2016
Department:	Public Works
SUBJECT	
Authorize negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for relocation and adjustments of existing water lines and appurtenances in conflict with the TxDOT IH35 Mobility Roadway Improvement from North of Oltorf Street to South of Oltorf Street, in the amount of \$766,000 plus an contingency of \$153,200 for a total not to exceed \$919,200 for betterment costs. (Districts 3 and 9)	
AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING	
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of Austin Water.	
Purchasing Language:	N/A
Prior Council Action:	N/A
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Boards and Commission Action:	May 11, 2016- To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
MBE/WBE:	N/A

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) plans to make highway improvements along Interstate 35 (IH35) from North of Oltorf Street to South of Oltorf Street, which will require relocation and adjustments of existing water and wastewater lines in conflict with the proposed improvement. The work consists of relocating approximately 550 linear feet of existing water lines including gate valves, wet connections, valve castings located on the north and southbound frontage roads of the IH35.

This project is federally funded project. Per Standard Utility Agreement and in accordance with the federally funded projects, TxDOT is responsible for providing 100% of the engineering and construction costs and, reimbursing the city for inspection and administrative cost of the project, except betterments. This Advance Funding Agreement will address the betterments on the project. A separate Standard Utility Agreement is also required for utility relocation and adjustments that are not betterments.

The betterment portions of the project involve upsizing of the existing water lines to better serve the growing Austin Metropolitan area. The requested “betterments” will be constructed by the TxDOT as part of the projects and funded by Austin Water.

The roadway in this Advanced Funding Agreement was identified as a transportation improvement project by TxDOT. Austin Water’s existing water lines are required to be adjusted to accommodate the proposed roadway improvements, and this agreement will allow those water infrastructures in conflict to be adjusted. Executing this Advanced Funding Agreement will bring together the efforts of TxDOT and Austin Water in the design and construction of the roadway improvements and utility adjustments to minimize impacts to the public and save costs.

The Advanced Funding Agreement allows the Austin Water to pay TxDOT an amount of \$766,000 for construction plus a 20% contingency amount of \$153,200 for betterment portions of the project designed by the City. The total contract amount associated with construction of betterment portion of the project is \$919,200. A 20% contingency in funding is requested to cover possible changes to the scope of betterments that may become necessary during construction due to unforeseen conditions. All dates are dependent upon TxDOT design and construction contract.

This project is located within zip codes 78704 and 78745, within council districts 3 and 9.

This project is managed by Public Works Department.



TxDOT – IH 35 Water Line Relocation North of Oltorf to South of Oltorf

