

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting: October 12, 2017**

Item Number: **006**

**Capital Contracting Office**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc., for additional architectural, urban design, planning, and engineering services for CodeNEXT, the comprehensive Land Development Code revision, in the amount of \$2,275,000 to complete Phase 5 of CodeNEXT and Phase 2 of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan for a total contract amount not to exceed \$8,466,520.60. (Note: This amendment will be awarded in compliance with City Code 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 4.84% MBE and 5.59% WBE.)

**District(s) Affected:** District 1, District 2, District 3, District 4, District 5, District 6, District 7, District 8, District 9, District 10

<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding in the amount of \$2,125,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of the Planning and Zoning Department. Funding in the amount of \$150,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department. A fiscal note is not required.
<b>Purchasing Language</b>	Original contract was awarded through a qualifications-based selection process.
<b>Prior Council Action</b>	<p>April 6, 2017 - Council approved an amendment to the professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc.</p> <p>September 22, 2016 - Council approved an amendment to the professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc.</p> <p>June 23, 2016 - Council approved an amendment to the professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc.</p> <p>November 20, 2014 - Council approved an amendment to the</p>

	<p>professional services agreement Opticos Design, Inc.</p> <p>March 21, 2013 - Council approved a professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc.</p>
<b>For More Information</b>	<p>Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov.</p> <p>NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749 or Aiden Cohen, 512-974-1929.</p>

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**Additional Backup Information:**

This item is a request for Council authorization to use various funding sources to complete Phase V of CodeNEXT which will produce a draft map and revisions to the draft text in November 2017 and final council adoption of the draft in April 2018. It also includes completion of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, Phase 2.

**Project History for CodeNEXT**

The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan was adopted by City Council in June 2012 and included a recommendation to revise the City's development regulations. In March 2013, City Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc. The CodeNEXT effort is led by the Planning and Zoning Department.

On November 20, 2014 Council authorized Phase 2 of this work which included completion of the Airport Boulevard Form-Based Code Initiative.

On September 22, 2016, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc. for revisions to the Land Development Code to complete Phase 3 of the project. Phase 3 generated a public draft (Draft #1).

On April 6, 2017, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc. for revisions to the Land Development Code to complete Phase 4 of the project. Phase 4 generated a public draft text and map (Draft #2) currently under review.

**CodeNEXT Phase 5:**

In November 2017, the consultant team will produce Draft #3 CodeNEXT in advance of public hearings at the Planning Commission and City Council in December 2017. This draft will be one that has been vetted by City Staff and the community through a review process from September - November 2017. A draft

map will be produced in September, in advance of public engagement, regarding alignment with the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and Neighborhood Plans. Both the draft text and the map will be presented to the public, the commissions, and city council through the remainder of 2017. Based on public input, the team will create Draft #3 (Staff recommendation) to be considered by the Land Use Commissions commencing in December 2017 and the Austin City Council public hearings in February 2018.

Draft #3 of the new Land Development Code will note changes recommended by the Planning Commission, the Zoning and Platting Commissions, the Environmental Commission, and the Historic Landmark Commission in the form of annotations and will be presented to City Council for formal consideration. Any additional changes initiated by City Council will be incorporated into a final version which is anticipated to be presented to City Council for adoption in April 2018.

### **Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, Phase 2 (\$150,000)**

The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan effort is led by the Austin Transportation Department. On June 23, 2016, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional services agreement with Opticos Design, Inc. for the Strategic Mobility Plan project.

Phase 1 of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan began an update to the city-wide transportation plan by establishing a framework for updating the transportation network and associated street functional classifications needed to draft the form-based code. The new transportation framework includes street types based on land use context and transportation function, and takes into account all modes of transportation. Understanding the approach to an updated city-wide transportation plan, especially the interface between the street (right-of-way) and private realm, allowed for more realistic conditions when testing of form-based code options. The new transportation framework can be completed only after further planning to update the overall city-wide transportation plan that will consider the new draft CodeNEXT zoning standards.

Phase 2 of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan builds upon the nexus between land use and transportation. It is critical to the success of the project to coordinate emerging land use and transportation standards. Since previous Council action for spending authority for the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority launched a long-range high capacity transit planning effort (Project Connect). Because high-capacity transit is one of multiple transportation systems of the Austin transportation network, a high degree of coordination is essential for the success of both projects. In addition, Phase 2 of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan includes the following elements:

- Project Initiation and Management;
- Community Engagement;
- State of the City - an assessment of existing conditions;
- Scenario Evaluation - identify a recommendation for a preferred strategy;
- Inviting Success - implementation of the planning portion of the process; and
- Plan Reporting and Ordinance Adoption.

In July 2016, the project team began the Scenario Evaluation stage and identified that the current version of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization travel demand model required updates in order to be used as a base-year. Modifications to multiple data-sets, including transit data were necessary.

The coordination with Project Connect, as well as needed updates to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization model has resulted in an extended schedule for the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan. The new schedule anticipates an additional seven months of coordination and engagement with the public and the project's Multimodal Community Advisory Committee. Therefore the additional \$150,000 in fees is for coordination, the update to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization travel demand model, and additional meetings with the project advisory committee.

This amendment is pending review by the City's Change Control Committee. The Change Control Committee was established to comply with Council Resolution No. 20120126-048, which required the establishment of consistent criteria and process to evaluate contractual changes for all contracts administered by the Capital Contracting Office. The Change Control Committee is comprised of management-level subject matter experts.

Opticos Design, Inc. is located in Berkley, CA.