



**Water & Wastewater Commission
Review and Recommendation**

Commission Meeting Date:	November 8, 2017
Council Meeting Date:	November 9, 2017
Department:	Public Works
Client:	Wale Odufuye, Aldo Ranzani, and Chris Chen
Agenda Item	
<p>Authorize the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the existing Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation for the relocation and improvement of water and wastewater utilities in connection with the TxDOT-Loop 1 Roadway Improvements Project from Davis Lane to La Crosse Avenue, to increase prior authorization by \$587,162.61, for a total ILA amount not to exceed \$2,407,245.56. (District 8).</p>	
Amount and Source of Funding	
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of Austin Water.	
Purchasing Language:	N/A
Prior Council Action:	May 19, 2016- Council approved an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the relocation and improvement of water and wastewater utilities in connection with TxDOT-Loop 1 Roadway improvements from Davis Lane to La Crosse Avenue.
Boards and Commission Action:	November 8, 2017- To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
MBE/WBE:	N/A

On May 19, 2016, the City Council of Austin approved an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to provide funding for the relocation of existing City of Austin water and wastewater lines in conflict with the TxDOT-Loop 1 Roadway Improvement Project, from Davis Lane to La Crosse Avenue.

The City agrees to provide funding to TxDOT for the construction of water and wastewater lines and appurtenances, including the cost of any change orders made necessary by field changes to address unanticipated conditions under the terms and conditions in this agreement. TxDOT shall obtain the written approval of the City for all change order requests prior to TxDOT issuing the approved change order to the contractor.

The original Interlocal Agreement was established between the City and TxDOT to authorize Austin Water to pay TxDOT an estimated amount of \$1,516,735.79, with a 20% contingency of \$303,347.16 for a total not to exceed \$1,820,082.95.

Upon opening bid in September 2017 by TxDOT, the lowest contract bid price for the City utility relocation and adjustments is \$2,103,898.40, which is \$587,162.61 higher than the engineer's estimate. Possible reasons for the bid price could be due to aggressive construction schedule, limited working space, extensive traffic controls, market conditions, and limited work resources affected by the recent Hurricanes, etc. City staff has reviewed the bid price and considered the low bid is reasonable based on the current market condition and project specific constraints.

TxDOT will not be able to release the contract for construction until receipt of the City's funds. Under the ILA, the City will need to adjust the contract amount to match the TxDOT contract bid price of \$2,103,898.40, and the City is required to make payment to TxDOT within 45 days from receipt of written notification from TxDOT.

The start of construction of the Loop 1 Roadway Improvements Project from Davis Lane to La Crosse Avenue is contingent upon the Council approval of this authorization request.

The additional funds requested in this RCA will fund the entire project through construction completion.

This project is managed by Public Works Department.

This project is located within zip code 78749, within council district 8.