



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3741, **Agenda Item #:** 51.

12/10/2020

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with DeNucci Constructors, LLC, for the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor - Riverside Drive to Barton Springs Road project in the amount of \$6,142,492 plus a \$737,099 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,879,591.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 12.00% MBE and 2.21% WBE participation.

Lead Department

Capital Contracting Office

Managing Department

Corridor Program Office

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Budget of the Austin Transportation Department.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of six bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bid solicitation.

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>.

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423, or the Project Manager, Brandy Teague, 512-974-3067.

Additional Backup Information:

As part of the 2016 Mobility Bond, the Corridor Program Office and sponsoring Austin Transportation Department received funding to implement critical safety and mobility improvements to the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor from Riverside Drive to Barton Springs Road to create a livable, safe, walkable, bikeable, and transit supportive corridor that aligns with the principles and metrics in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. This section of South Lamar Boulevard will exemplify the City of Austin's ultimate, enhanced vision for urban corridors and support the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan goals of reducing vehicle miles traveled, increasing transit ridership and non-vehicular trips, and promoting healthy, equitable, and complete communities in support of growth as it continues to occur along this corridor and throughout the City.

The improvements were identified based on accessibility, safety, and traffic analysis studies and various other reports, which included recommendations to reduce crash frequency and severity, improve pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, provide alternate modes of transportation, and to evaluate the impacts of improvements to the roadway level of service (traffic related delays). Improvements include the following:

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- Upgraded traffic signals at Riverside Drive, Toomey Road, and Barton Springs Road
 - Bus stop improvements in partnership with Capital Metro
 - Pavement restoration with new curb and gutter
 - Continuous accessible sidewalks on both sides of South Lamar Boulevard tying into side streets
 - Two-way bicycle lanes behind the curb (separate from traffic) on both sides of South Lamar Boulevard
 - Reconstruction of medians, turn lane modifications, and driveway modifications
 - Drainage and water quality improvements
 - Water line relocation in partnership with Austin Water
 - Landscaping and streetscaping enhancements

This item includes four allowances. The allowance of \$100,000 will be used to address additional landscaping including trees if additional areas are confirmed cleared of utilities and conflicts during construction. The allowance of \$150,000 will be used to address owner directed changes to traffic control plans construction sequencing, safety, and/or accessibility improvements to accommodate unforeseen impacts from adjacent development projects and special events. The allowance of \$75,000 will be used to address incidental construction costs related to driveway closures and modifications. The allowance of \$20,000 will be used to address handling and disposal of contaminated soil if encountered during construction. An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for certain items of work whose details are not yet determined at the time of bidding.

This contract will include award of an alternate bid of \$112,960 to install a row of trees between the sidewalk and two-way bicycle track to the east of P. Terry's Burger Stand (404 S. Lamar Blvd.) Due to the constrained right-of-way at this location, enhanced sub-surface tree planting technology has been designed to better ensure quality root space that will lead to long-term maturation of the street trees within this heavily urban environment. An alternate bid is a specified item of the construction work that is priced separately and may be awarded as part of the contract if the bids come within the specified budget.

South Lamar Boulevard is classified as a Major Arterial. The project calls for lane closures at varying locations as shown in the plan set at various times during the construction sequence while keeping two travel lanes open in each direction during peak hours (weekdays from 6 AM to 9 AM and 4 PM to 6 PM). Through access for vehicular traffic will continue throughout the project. Pedestrians and cyclist access will also remain by providing safe and accessible routes through and around construction zones. The Corridor Program Office will communicate information regarding the project with neighboring businesses and residents using mailings, social media outreach, press releases, portable changeable message signs, etc., to inform the public as the work progresses.

Due to the potential for unforeseen circumstances or physical project conditions, a 12% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. A contingency is an additional amount of money added to the construction budget to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project. By authorizing the additional contingency funding, Council is authorizing any change orders within the contingency amount.

Approval of this item is necessary to comply with the Bond Election Ordinance No. 20160818-023 and the Contract With Voters (Resolution No. 20160818-074), which set the goal of this bond program to be completed within eight years. Any delay of this item will impact the delivery of critical safety and mobility improvements for this urbanized, high-volume corridor that currently lacks safe and continuous bike lanes.

The contract allows 456 calendar days for completion of the improvements. This project is located within zip code 78704 (Council District 5).

DeNucci Constructors, LLC is located in Austin, TX.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility; Safety