



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2406, Agenda Item #: 171.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Authorize additional contingency funding for the construction contract with Facilities Rehabilitation Inc. (MBE), for the Lake Austin - Meredith Street Storm Drain Improvements project in the amount of \$460,768 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,356,399.

(Note: This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current Participation to date is 66.18% MBE and 1.36% WBE.)

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Managing Department

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Purchasing Language:

Original contract was awarded through a competitive Invitation for Bids solicitation process.

Prior Council Action:

May 20, 2021 - Council approved a construction contract with Facilities Rehabilitation Inc. for the Lake Austin - Meredith Street Storm Drain Improvements project.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The existing storm drain system along Meredith Street, Rockmoor Avenue, and Cherry Lane was constructed in 1952 and is severely undersized and in poor condition. The system discharges directly into an underground cave system near 3605 and 3607 Meredith Street. Due to increased development in the contributing drainage area and apparent sloughing of the cave walls and roof, the cave is no longer able to convey runoff satisfactorily from the storm drain system causing flooding of five homes and two streets. The neighborhood has experienced flooding issues since 1996 and has filed associated requests for help via the City's service request system.

Since this project has been in construction, extremely difficult subsurface conditions have been encountered. The additional contingency is requested to fund the removal and disposal of existing backfill material that is unusable for both storm and wastewater installations. Other additional items of work include controlled low strength material, a modified storm drain outfall, upsizing of all storm manhole base structures, additional

street reconstruction, additional barricades, and traffic control modifications.

Detours will be placed in accordance with the Engineered Traffic Control Plans maintaining access to all residents in the community.

If this item is not approved, the cave will continue to convey runoff unsatisfactorily from the storm drain system and will continue to cause flooding of homes and streets.

This action has been approved 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.

The contract allows 360 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78703 (District 10).

Facilities Rehabilitation Inc. is located in Austin, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.