



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3163, **Agenda Item #:** 13.

10/27/2022

Posting Language

Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with MAC, Inc., for the Austin to Manor Phase 2 - Trail project in the amount of \$7,916,572 plus a \$791,658 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$8,708,230.

[Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program) and City Code Chapter 2-9A by meeting the goals with Good Faith Efforts and 6.27% DBE participation.]

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Managing Department

Public Works Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

Purchasing Language:

Lowest responsive bid of three bids received through a competitive Invitation for Bids solicitation.

For More Information:

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, Shobana Angia, 512-974-1581.

Additional Backup Information:

The completed Austin to Manor Trail system will be five miles long, connecting the city of Manor to Austin. Phase 2 begins at the existing two-mile section of the Austin to Manor Trail at Lindell Lane, which connects to the roughly eight-mile-long Southern Walnut Creek Trail in east Austin. From Lindell Lane, the trail will follow the future Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Capital Metro) Green Line railway to the city of Manor at Ben E Fisher Park. The total length of Austin to Manor Phase Trail is 2.9 miles and most of the trail is proposed to be within Capital Metro's right-of-way. This project is funded by 2012, 2016, and 2020 mobility bond funds, Travis County, and a Capital Area Metropolitan Organization (CAMPO) grant.

The Austin to Manor Phase 2 - Trail project is identified as a Tier I (high priority) Urban Trail in the Urban Trails Master Plan and is key transportation infrastructure that will provide a much-needed connection between the city of Austin and the city of Manor. Its implementation through this project will expand safe connections to neighborhoods, parks, libraries, shopping centers and more, provide a new way for people to travel between the two cities, and help to achieve the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) goal of 50/50 mode share by 2039. TxDOT concurs on the award.

This item includes one allowance. The allowance of \$100,000 will be used to address the Capital Metro work

zone requirements 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.

Due to the potential for unknown conditions during construction, a 10% 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.

With most of the trail planned within Capital Metro's right-of-way, the project proposes temporary lane closures at Lindell Lane, Parmer Lane, and Blue Bluff Road for limited durations. The contractor will install appropriate traffic control signs and barricades to direct traffic during construction. Roadways will be opened to the public at the end of each working day. There are no planned traffic detours, park closures, or utility disruptions. If traffic access cannot be maintained, written notice of limited access will be provided to the affected property owner(s) at least 24 hours in advance.

This construction contract is time sensitive and is a critical component to improving mobility options for pedestrians and bicyclists between Austin and Manor. Delay or deferral of this contract will require additional time and cost to the City through additional permitting efforts and may impact \$3,773,000 in project funding through its CAMPO grant.

The contract allows 360 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78724 (District 1) and within zip code 78653, within Travis County's jurisdiction.

MAC, Inc., is located in Austin, Texas.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility