



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 22-3635, **Agenda Item #:** 22.

12/1/2022

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize additional contingency funding for the construction contract with Cedar Hills Construction, LLC for the Southwest Allandale Neighborhood Water and Wastewater System Renewal in the amount of \$636,055 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,846,061.

[Note: This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Business Enterprise Procurement Program). Current participation to date is 3.38% MBE and 0.73% WBE.]

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Managing Department**

Public Works Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

### **Purchasing Language:**

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

### **Prior Council Action:**

March 24, 2022 - Council awarded a construction contract with Cedar Hills Construction, LLC for the Southwest Allandale Neighborhood Water and Wastewater System Renewal.

### **For More Information:**

Direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749, Garrett Cox, 512-974-9423, or the Project Manager, Lisa Whitworth, 512-974-5615.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

November 9, 2022 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote with two absences and two vacancies.

March 9, 2022 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 10-0 vote with one vacancy.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Southwest Allandale Neighborhood Water and Wastewater System Renewal project is part of the Austin Water Renewing Austin Program. The Renewing Austin Program is an ongoing effort to replace or upgrade deteriorated and aging water mains with a documented history of multiple breaks. These water mains are in poor condition and impact service delivery. In addition, the program coordinates and includes wastewater lines in poor condition and in need of replacement within the project area.

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Construction of this project began in May 2022. Due to unforeseen conditions beyond the contractor's control, change orders to date have exhausted most of the original contingency. The wastewater portion of work is approximately 75% complete, but additional eight and 12-inch water mains, service lines to individual properties, manholes, and associated appurtenances are needed to complete the work. As a result of this, additional contingency is requested to fund the remaining work.

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.

This project is located within zip code 78731 (District 10).

Cedar Hills Construction, LLC is located in Leander, Texas.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.