



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3285, **Agenda Item #:** 24.

11/30/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for construction services for the Braker Lane Extension from Samsung Boulevard to Dawes Place project with Joe Bland Construction, LP, in the amount of \$22,536,726 plus a \$2,253,673 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$24,790,399.

[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 (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goal with 8.62% DBE participation].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Capital Delivery Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$15,527,081 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Budget of the Transportation and Public Works Department.

Funding in the amount of \$9,263,318 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued Invitation for Bids IFB 6100 CLMC999 for these services. The solicitation was issued on July 17, 2023, and closed on August 31, 2023. Of the five offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. This information can currently be found at

https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=139022.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 8, 2023 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 8 - 0 vote, two absences, and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The Braker Lane Extension from Samsung Boulevard to Dawes Place project focuses on reducing congestion and enhancing safety by improving vehicular traffic flow, reducing delays at intersection points, boosting

alternate modes of transportation, and reducing the number of collision points.

The proposed improvements include:

- New construction of approximately 0.85 linear miles of four-lane curb and gutter of Braker Lane.
- Continuous pedestrian and bicycle shared-use paths on both sides of Braker Lane.
- The extension of Taebaek Drive to intersect with the new Braker Lane.
- Installation of an underground storm drain system with associated concrete pipe and box culverts, manholes, inlets, and outfall structures capturing existing sheet flow.
- Installation of one detention pond to contain the downstream impacts.
- Installation of 3,500 feet of 48-inch water line.

The Braker Lane Extension project is primarily funded by a Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) grant, with a commitment of 80% funded by the grant and 20% funded by the City. CAMPO's commitment of \$11,240,000 is for design and construction and the Transportation and Public Works Department has committed \$3,800,000 plus overruns.

Due to the potential for unforeseen circumstances or physical project conditions, 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.

The project calls for minimal impacts to existing traffic patterns. Capital Delivery Services will communicate information regarding the project with neighboring businesses and residents using mailings, social media outreach, press releases, etc. to inform the public as the work progresses.

A delay in issuing this contract will affect the delivery of multi-modal mobility services for this corridor that currently has limited alternative mobility options.

The contract allows 790 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78754 (District 1).