Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors Resolution
Meeting Date: 4/19/2023
ATP-2023-008

Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director or their designee to negotiate and execute a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc.

Subject: Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or their designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., for, each with respect to Austin Light Rail: (i) program development and management, and work related to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)'s New Starts Capital Investment Grant Program, and (ii) work relating to the National Environmental Policy Act, for a period not to exceed two years, with one 6-month option, in an amount not to exceed $26,000,000.

Fiscal Impact:

Responsible Department: Procurement.

Executive Summary: In December 2018, prior to Austin Transit Partnership ("ATP")'s incorporation, CapMetro entered into a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. to serve as the Program Manager Owner Representative for Project Connect to oversee completion of the Environmental and Preliminary Engineering phase of the Austin Light Rail program in accordance with the NEPA process and FTA requirements. In July 2022, ATP staff identified a need to re-evaluate and update the Austin Light Rail program. ATP, the City, and CapMetro intend to support an updated Austin Light Rail program at a future joint meeting in June 2023.

There are two primary scopes of work under this contract, each with respect to Austin Light Rail: (i) program development and management, and work related to the FTA's New Starts Capital Investment Grant Program ("PMOR Scope"); and (ii) work relating to the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA Scope"). Staff anticipates that it will issue task orders for the PMOR Scope through December 31, 2023, and for the NEPA Scope through the FTA Record of Decision. These costs are reflected in the current authorization amount. Additional amounts beyond those authorized herein would be brought to the Board for approval at a future date.

Procurement Summary: On March 27, 2023, ATP staff issued a request for qualifications for this scope of work. HDR Engineering Inc. responded and ATP staff is currently negotiating the terms and conditions and a fair and reasonable final price for this contract.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Summary: After reviewing the RFP and evaluating availability of vendors with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certification, ATP set a race conscious DBE goal of 10% on the overall contract. HDR has committed to meeting and exceeding the set goal for this contract. ATP will track DBE progress as task orders are issued.

RESOLUTION OF THE AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

Resolution ID: ATP-2023-*008*

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WHEREAS, the Austin Transit Partnership ("ATP") was created by the City of Austin ("City") and the Capital Metro Transportation Authority ("CapMetro") in December 2020, as the independent entity accountable and responsible for the financing, design, construction, and overall implementation of Project Connect – a transformative, voter-approved investment in new transit services that includes Light Rail, MetroRapid Bus Lines, Commuter Rail, and Park and Ride facilities; and

WHEREAS, in December 2018, prior to ATP's incorporation, CapMetro entered into a contract with HDR Engineering Inc. to serve as the Program Manager Owner Representative for Project Connect to oversee completion of the Environmental and Preliminary Engineering phase of the Austin Light Rail program in accordance with the NEPA process and FTA requirements; and

WHEREAS, in July 2022, ATP staff identified a need to re-evaluate and update the Austin Light Rail program; and

WHEREAS, ATP, the City, and CapMetro intend to support an updated Austin Light Rail program at a future joint meeting in June 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of ATP that the Executive Director, or their designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with HDR Engineering Inc., for, each with respect to Austin Light Rail: (i) program development and management, and work related to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)'s New Starts Capital Investment Grant Program, and (ii) work relating to the National Environmental Policy Act, for a period not to exceed two years, with one 6-month option, in an amount not to exceed $26,000,000.

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Brandon Carr
Secretary of the Board

Date