



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Contract Award: Citywide Bridge Improvements (Downtown Bridge Rail)

SUMMARY:

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsive bid and awarding a construction contract to E-Z Bel Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$2,286,120 for construction of the Citywide Bridge Improvements (Downtown Bridge Rail) project located in Council District 1. Funds are available from the 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) included in the FY 2025 Capital Budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Project Background

As part of the voters' approved 2022 Bond Program, \$1,157,000 and \$3.8 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, for a total budget of \$5 million, were allocated to improve and rehabilitate existing deficient and deteriorated bridge structures.

In July 2023, an assessment report was conducted to evaluate the condition of historic bridge rails located downtown over the San Antonio River. The report identified five (5) historic bridges, which included Convent Street Bridge, East Martin Street Bridge, East Travis Street Bridge, North

Presa Street Bridge, and the Villita Street Bridge, over the San Antonio Riverwalk, that need rehabilitation and repairs.

The Citywide Bridge Improvements project will enhance the safety of the bridge rails over the San Antonio Riverwalk and adjacent streets through repairs and replacements of the existing rails. The plan review has been coordinated with the Office of Historic Preservation to ensure that the new rails match the historic character of the existing rails.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the Winter of 2025 and is estimated to be completed by Spring 2025.

Procurement of Services

This project was advertised on October 4, 2024, for construction bids in the San Antonio Hart Beat, the City's website, the Texas Electronic State Business Daily, on TVSA, and through the electronic bidding website CivCast. Bids were opened on October 25, 2024, and one (1) bid was received. Of these, E-Z Bel Construction, LLC submitted the lowest responsive bid as indicated in the attached bid summary.

This contract will be awarded in compliance with the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program, which requires contracts be reviewed by a Goal Setting Committee to establish a requirement and/or incentive unique to the particular contract to maximize the amount of small, minority and women-owned business participation on the contract. The Goal Setting Committee set a 19% Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) subcontracting goal and a 2% African American Business Enterprise (AABE) subcontracting goal. E-Z Bel Construction, LLC has committed to meeting the subcontractor participation goal.

This construction contract was developed utilizing the low bid process; therefore, a Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.

This vendor has acknowledged to comply with the Heat Illness Prevention Ordinance, approved on August 31, 2023, through Ordinance #2023-08-31-0585.

ISSUE:

This ordinance accepts the lowest responsive bid and awards a construction contract to E-Z Bel Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$2,286,120 for the construction of the project Citywide Bridge Improvements (Downtown Bridge Rail) located in Council District 1. Funds are available from the 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and ARPA funds included in the FY 2025 Capital Budget.

The Citywide Bridge Improvements project will significantly enhance the safety of the bridge rails over the San Antonio Riverwalk and along adjacent streets. This will be achieved through repairs and replacements of the existing rails, ensuring the continued safety and enjoyment of these public spaces. The plan review has been coordinated with the Office of Historic Preservation to ensure that the new rails match the historic character of the existing rails, preserving the city's heritage.

ALTERNATIVES:

As an alternative, the City Council could require staff to resolicit this project. However, given the additional time required for another solicitation process, this could significantly delay the project's completion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a one-time capital improvement expenditure not to exceed \$2,286,120, payable to E-Z Bel Construction, LLC for constructing the Citywide Bridge Improvements (Downtown Bridge Rail). Funds are available from the 2022 General Obligation Bond Program and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds included in the FY 2025 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to award construction contract to E-Z Bel Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$2,286,120 for construction of the Citywide Bridge Improvements (Downtown Bridge Rail) project.