



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

File Number:

Agenda Item Number: 18

Agenda Date: May 2, 2024

In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 1, District 4, District 5, District 7

SUBJECT:

Interlocal Agreement & Contract Award: Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements

SUMMARY:

An ordinance approving a one-time capital improvement expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$5,384,027.96, payable to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc., for the construction of the Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements project. Of this amount, \$208,803 will be reimbursed by the San Antonio Water System (SAWS), \$260,061 will be funded from the Tree Preservation Fund, \$500,000 from VIA Metropolitan Transit, \$3,532,131.17 funded from TxDOT related to the Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements project, and the remaining amount of \$883,032.79 is available from previously authorized General Obligation Bond funds included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program.

This ordinance also approves the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit to accept funds in the amount of \$500,000 from VIA Metropolitan Transit and authorizes the appropriation of these funds to the Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements Project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Project Background

The Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements project was selected for funding through the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to improve pedestrian safety along Zarzamora Street to support VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA)'s implementation of PRIMO rapid transit. The City of San Antonio partnered with VIA Metropolitan Transit to provide matching funds for the AAMPO application.

The Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements project provides pedestrian enhancement and safety improvements along Zarzamora Street between Fredericksburg Road and SW Military, a high-demand pedestrian generator. The proposed multi-modal vehicular and pedestrian safety improvements include sidewalks, driveway approaches, traffic signal upgrades, signage, and striping throughout the 7-mile corridor with dedicated bus lanes from SW Military to Nogalitos. These improvements support the VIA PRIMO Route service, which was opened in 2018 and fulfills the goals of the Regional Pedestrian Study, VIA Vision 2040, and SA Tomorrow. The selected bid additive alternates on this contract will include tree planting, vegetative watering, barricades, traffic control, traffic signal, utility and cabling work. The project will also include SAWS utility infrastructure adjustments and associated work where required. SAWS will be responsible for any utility location costs and cost overages related to sewer and water utility work. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2024 and is estimated to be completed by Winter 2025.

The City of San Antonio will design and construct the improvements leveraging AAMPO and VIA Metropolitan Transit funding upon approval of the proposed Interlocal Agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit.

Procurement of Services

This project was advertised on January 10, 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 February 13, 2024 and two (2) bids were received. Of these, Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid as indicated in the attached bid summary.

Due to the utilization of federal dollars, the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program of the State of Texas was utilized in place of the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program. The DBE goal for this project is 7.5%. Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. has committed to meeting the 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 approves the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit to accept funds in the amount of \$500,000 from VIA Metropolitan Transit and authorizes the appropriation of these funds to the Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements Project.

This ordinance also approves a one-time capital improvement expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$5,384,027.96, payable to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc., for the construction of the Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements project. Funding for this contract in the amount of \$208,803 will be reimbursed by the San Antonio Water System (SAWS), \$260,061 is available from the Tree Preservation Fund, \$500,000 is available from VIA Metropolitan Transit, \$883,032.79 is available from General Obligation Bond funds, and \$3,532,131.17 is available from TXDOT related to the Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements project. Funds are included in the FY 2024 - FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program.

The Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements project provides pedestrian enhancement and safety improvements along Zarzamora Street between Fredericksburg Road and SW Military, a high-demand pedestrian generator. This contract provides for the construction of multi-modal vehicular and pedestrian safety improvements, including sidewalks, driveway approaches, traffic signal upgrades, signage, and striping throughout the 7-mile corridor with dedicated bus lanes from SW Military to Nogalitos. The two additive alternates included in this contract are tree planting and signal work at Stonewall and Zaramora. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2024 and is estimated to be completed by Winter 2025.

The City of San Antonio will design and construct the improvements leveraging AAMPO and VIA Metropolitan Transit funding upon approval of the proposed Interlocal Agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternatively, the City Council could require staff to re-solicit this project; however, considering the additional time required for another solicitation process, this would adversely affect the project's timely completion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance approves a one-time capital improvement expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$5,384,027.96, payable to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc., for the construction of the Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements project. Of this amount, \$5,384,027.96, of which \$208,803 will be reimbursed by SAWS, \$260,061 will be funded from the Tree Preservation Fund, \$500,000 fund from VIA Metropolitan Transit, \$3,532,131.17 funded from TXDOT related to the Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements project, and the remaining amount is available from previously authorized General Obligation Bond funds included in the FY 2024 - FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program.

This ordinance also approves the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with VIA Metropolitan

Transit to accept funds in the amount of \$500,000 from VIA Metropolitan Transit and authorizes the appropriation of these funds to the Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit to accept funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from VIA Metropolitan Transit and awarding a construction contract to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,384,027.96, of which \$208,803 will be reimbursed by SAWS for the construction of the Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements project.