



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Razi Hosseini, P.E., R.P.L.S.

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Council District 3 and 5

### **SUBJECT:**

Contract Award: World Heritage Underpass Infrastructure Project

### **SUMMARY:**

An ordinance accepting the lowest responsive bid and awarding a construction contract including three additive alternates to S&B General Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$317,746.03 for the World Heritage Underpass Infrastructure Project located in Council Districts 3 and 5. Funds are available from the 2012 - 2017 General Obligation Bond Program and the 2020 American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Community Challenge Grant and are included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

#### Project Background

In 2017, through Ordinance 2017-09-21-0678, City Council approved the reprogramming of funds in the amount of \$800,000.00 from the 2012-2017 General Obligation Bond Program Presa Ramps project to the World Heritage Underpass Infrastructure Project in the City's World Heritage area. Through the public input and design process for improvements for the World Heritage Underpass Infrastructure Project, residents and community members voiced the need for places to view the artwork, landscaping and improved pedestrian access such as wider sidewalks for those residents that require walking assistance. This project will provide for pedestrian improvements to include sidewalks, benches and landscaping such as the installation of native vegetation, hardscape and rock complements. Project construction is anticipated to begin in March 2021 and is estimated to be completed in August 2021.

### Previous Council Action

In September 2020, the World Heritage Office was awarded a 2020 American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Community Challenge Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the World Heritage Underpass Infrastructure Project. This grant will assist the City's efforts to beautify the underpass along the World Heritage Trail, activate a new public space, and provide access to the Windows to Our Heritage public art installation. On September 3, 2020, City Council approved through Ordinance 2020-09-03-0600 to amend the City's Capital Improvement Program Budget in the additional amount of \$30,000.00 in AARP grant funds to the World Heritage Underpass infrastructure project for pedestrian improvements.

### Procurement of Services

This project was advertised on October 16, 2020, for construction bids in the following media: San Antonio Hart Beat, City's website, Texas Electronic State Business Daily, TVSA and electronic bidding site CivCast. Bids were opened on Friday, November 20, 2020, and four (4) bids were received. Of these, S&B General Contractors, LLC submitted the lowest responsive bid as indicated in the included matrix.

This contract will be awarded in compliance with the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program, which requires contracts to 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 28% Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) subcontracting goal and a 4% African American Business Enterprise (AABE) subcontracting goal. S&B General Contractors, 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.

### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance accepts the lowest responsive bid and awards a construction contract including three additive alternates to S&B General Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$317,746.03 for the World Heritage Underpass Infrastructure project located in Council Districts 3 and 5.

The project will provide sidewalks, benches and hardscape along the underpasses at US 90 and Roosevelt and US 90 and South Presa. The additive alternates accepted as part of this contract will include the installation of hardscape and rock complements along the underpass, the construction of a pedestrian area with a landscape enhancement component at the intersection of Mission Road and Steves Avenue as well as the installation of native vegetation at all the intersections.

Project construction is anticipated to begin in March 2021 and is estimated to be completed in August 2021.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

As an alternative, City Council could require staff to re-advertise the project; however, the additional time needed for another solicitation process would adversely affect the timely completion of the project and risk the expiration of grant funding for this project.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is a one-time capital improvement expenditure in the amount of \$317,746.03 payable to S&B General Contractors, LLC. Funds are available from the 2012 - 2017 General Obligation Bond Program and the 2020 AARP Community Challenge Grant and are included in the FY 2021 - FY 2026 Capital Improvement Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance accepting the lowest responsive bid and awarding a construction contract to S&B General Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$317,746.03 for the World Heritage Underpass Infrastructure project.