

**City of Georgetown, Texas**  
**City Council**  
**June 24, 2025**

**SUBJECT:**

**Construction Contract Award to Texas Road, LLC (Austin Underground) for Shell Road Widening Project**

**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

Consideration and possible action to award a construction contract with Texas Road, LLC (Austin Underground) of Lago Vista, Texas for the construction of roadway improvements along Shell Rd. in the amount of \$15,232,563.70 -- Wesley Wright P.E. Systems Engineering Director, and Darwin Marchell PE, HDR Inc.

**ITEM SUMMARY:**

This project consists of reconstructing approximately 1.3 miles Shell Rd. between Williams Dr. and Grand View Rd. The existing 2 lane roadway section will be converted into a 4 lane divided roadway with new storm drain infrastructure, upgraded traffic signals at all existing signalized intersections, a new traffic signal at the Rosedale Blvd./Village Commons Blvd. intersection, new left and right turn lanes at intersections, improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, improved roadway illumination, and median landscaping.

The Shell Rd. project was advertised for public bids on March 16th, and March 23rd, 2025, in the Williamson County Sun. A public Bid Opening was held on June 5, 2025, at 2 p.m. where eight (8) competitive bids were received.

The apparent low qualified bidder for the project is Texas Road LLC. The current workload, references, and construction history has been reviewed for Texas Road and their proposed subcontractors and has been deemed qualified and responsive. Therefore, we recommend that a contract be awarded to Texas Road LLC in the amount of \$15,232,563.70.

The recommendation includes approval of Bid Alternate 1 in the amount of \$1,295,044, which is the inclusion of trees in the medians. The net increase in price between Bid Alternate 1 and Bid Alternate 2, which included 100% concrete medians, is \$911,320. This portion of the project will be funded out of the Tree Fund. The median design with native trees will provide a visual quality of life enhancement to this high visibility area of the City. This portion of the project will include stamped concrete medians, tree soil cells, drip irrigation and a combination of native trees that will add visual appeal and cooling for the roadway. These trees include the Texas Mountain Laurel, Texas Persimmon, Mexican Olive, Desert Willow and Lacey Oak. Tree types and locations were selected in collaboration between the Parks and Recreation and Engineering Departments, with a focus on water conservation, ongoing maintenance and traffic safety. Trees will not be located near turning movements that would impact line of sight for drivers. Maintenance and water use will be much less than typical landscaped medians as there will not be any shrubs or other plants beyond the trees.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff and the design engineer recommend awarding this contract for all parts for the construction

of the Shell Road Improvements project in the amount of \$15,232,563.70

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds for this expenditure are budgeted and available in the FY 25 Transportation CIP Budget - PRJ000254

SUBMITTED BY:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[New Shell Rd. CC.pdf](#)