

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Travis County

MINUTE ORDER

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Austin District

Subchapter F, Chapter 223, Transportation Code prescribes the process by which the Texas Department of Transportation (department) may enter into a design-build contract with a private entity that provides for the design, construction, expansion, extension, related capital maintenance, rehabilitation, alteration, or repair of a highway project.

Transportation Code §§ 223.245-223.250 prescribe requirements for a design-build contract procurement. Pursuant to those provisions, the department must issue a request for qualifications that includes, among other things, the criteria that will be used to evaluate any qualification submittals, the relative weight given to the criteria, and a deadline by which qualification submittals must be received. The department is also required to publish a notice advertising the issuance of the request for qualifications in the Texas Register and on the department's website.

The Oak Hill Parkway Project (Project) consists of non-tolled improvements along US 290 from approximately the east end of Circle Drive to Loop 1, and non-tolled improvements along SH 71 from US 290 to Silvermine Drive, which improvements include the addition of frontage roads and grade separations at major intersections, in Travis County. As part of the Project, the US 290 and SH 71 interchange will be reconstructed with the US 290 mainlanes going underneath SH 71, and with direct connectors at the intersection. The Project will improve the existing four-lane divided roadway with signalized intersections along US 290 to a six-lane controlled access facility with grade separations and frontage roads. Additionally, the existing controlled access portion from Loop 1 to near Joe Tanner Lane will have minor widening for operational improvements near entrance and exit ramps.

The intersection of US 290 and SH 71 in Oak Hill is a gateway to southwest Travis County and serves as a key route between central Austin and the fast-growing suburban and rural communities southwest of Austin. US 290 is one of the most congested highway corridors in Texas, and due to a lack of reliable connectivity, has become an unreliable route for both transit and emergency vehicles. The Project is a crucial element to providing operational efficiency and long-term congestion management, as well as improving safety and mobility in the area, and meets the requirements for design-build delivery.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the department is authorized to issue a request for qualifications to develop, design, construct, and potentially maintain the Oak Hill Parkway Project in Travis County, and to publish in the Texas Register and on the department's website a notice advertising the issuance of the request for qualifications.

Submitted and reviewed by:

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