



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

From: The Office of the City Manager

Date: February 10, 2025

Subject: Consider Resolution No. 2025-015, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Capital Underground Utilities, LLC, for the Matson Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project for the 50th Annual Community Development Block Grant Project in the total contract amount of \$157,349.

Presenter: Nathan Frohman, City Engineer

Summary:

The City Council is being asked to recommend an award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Capital Underground Utilities, LLC for the Matson Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project.

General Description:

The Matson Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project CDBG25 (the "Project") represents the city's 50th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. Although the City of North Richland Hills is an entitlement city, and therefore receives CDBG funds directly, the city has contracted with Tarrant County's CDBG Department to administer the city's CDBG funds. Essentially, the city determines the projects, and the county administers the projects. However, the city reviews all bids and consultant contracts and makes recommendations to the county for approval. Tarrant County therefore awards both the design consultant and construction contracts. Tarrant County's administration of the city's CDBG Projects does not include construction inspection; the city will provide these services.

The project consists of reconstructing approximately 800 linear feet of sanitary sewer main in the far southwest portion of the city. The existing sanitary sewer main is clay tile and has reached the end of its useful life.

Tarrant County staff reviewed and approved the project's contract documents prior to bidding and scheduled a bid opening for January 15, 2025. Bids were received by Tarrant County at their offices on this date. A total of four contractors submitted bids. The bids are summarized in the table below:



Bidders	Capital Underground Utilities, LLC	TMS Utility, LLC	Texas Price Utilities, LLC	Excel 4 Construction, LLC
Base Bid Amount	\$ 157,349.00	\$ 229,755.00	\$ 248,660.00	\$ 271,085.00

Although North Richland Hills has not directly hired Capital Underground Utilities in the past, the design engineer and city staff checked their references with other governmental entities, all of whom have awarded similar projects to this contractor and had positive experiences to share.

Because the project low bid came in approximately \$174,611.05 below the CDBG construction budget amount, city staff is working with Tarrant County to expand the limits of the current project to make full use of the available funding. Should the scope be revised and agreed to by the contractor, a change order will be brought to the City Council for consideration.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2025 and take 45 calendar days to complete.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution No. 2025-015, recommending the award of a construction contract by Tarrant County to Capital Underground Utilities, LLC, for the 50th Annual Community Development Block Grant Project identified as the Matson Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project in the total contract amount of \$157,349.