Harris County Commissioners Court meeting notes

March 24, 2009, 9:00 am

Note: The Commissioners Court covers a wide variety of topics. Houston Tomorrow only reports on issues relating to land use, quality of life, and transportation. Questions or comments regarding agenda items are discussed during the meeting, and some items may be removed. At the end the commissioners vote on the agenda as a whole.

Commissioners Court agenda

The Harris County Commissioners Court considered 17 engineering contracts worth $111.9 million for Segment E of the Grand Parkway. The contracts are listed below. Art Storey, head of the Harris County Public Infrastructure Department, informed the commissioners that the county received a signed copy of the advance funding agreement from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) earlier in the morning. As a result, he recommended approving the contracts. There were no public comments.

The Commissioners Court unanimously approved the contracts along with the rest of the agenda.

Two weeks ago, the commissioners approved $9.8 million in engineering contracts despite the absence of a signed agreement. Storey informed the commissioners at the time that the Texas Transportation Commission had approved a minute order directing the executive director to sign the agreement, but that the order had not yet been carried out.

Engineering contracts, as listed in the agenda:

**Agenda item 1.1.d. Toll Road Authority**

1. Recommendation for appropriate officials to take necessary actions to complete the transactions, contingent upon confirmation from TxDOT that the executed advanced funding agreement is forthcoming, and for the County Judge to execute agreements for engineering services for/along Segment E of SH-99, Grand Parkway in Precinct 3 with:
   a. Landtech Consultants, Inc., in the amount of $521,096 for design and plan preparation for roadway elements of Subsection 1.1 from Station 1645+00 to 1664+00 generally from IH-10 West to US-290.
   b. Ratnala & Bahl, Inc., in the amount of $416,320 for bridge design and plan preparation services for northbound and southbound mainlane structures over Colonial Parkway in Section 1 from Station 1650+80 to 1654+00 generally from IH-10 West to US-290.
   c. URS Corporation in the amount of $1,019,618 for bridge design and plan preparation in Section 1 for Direct Connector A from Station 2606+05 to 2650+95 of the IH-10/SH-99 Grand Parkway interchange.
   d. Sparks-Barlow-Barnett, Inc., in the amount of $1,176,505 for the segment lead for plans, specifications, and estimates for Section 2 from Station 1664+00 to 2097+00 and design and plan preparation for roadway elements of Subsection 2.2 from Station 1711+00 to 1770+00 generally from IH-10 West to US-290.
   e. PB Americas, Inc., dba Parsons Brinkerhoff Americas, Inc., in the amount of $964,304 for the segment lead for design and plan preparation for roadway elements of Subsection 2.6 from Station 1880+00 to 2097+00 and design and plan preparation for bridges on Mason Creek, Franz Road, Morton Road, future Keith Harrow, future Beckendorf, FM-529 and future Longenbaugh roads generally from IH-10 West to US-290.
   f. Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., in the amount of $835,473 for design and plan preparation for roadway elements of Subsection 2.5 from Station 1880+00 to 1926+00 and utility coordination generally from IH-10 West to US-290.
   g. Gunda Corporation, Inc., in the amount of $1,158,900 for design and plan preparation for roadway elements of Subsection 2.8 from Station 2030+00 to 2097+00 and corridor-wide engineering for the intelligent transportation system and signal design generally from IH-10 West to US-290.
   h. JNS Consulting Engineers, Inc., in the amount of $285,524 for design and plan preparation for roadway elements of Subsection 2.7 from Station 1991+00 to 2030+00.
   i. Lina T. Ramey & Associates, Inc., in the amount of $555,074 for design and plan preparation for roadway elements of Subsection 2.1 from Station 1664+00 to 1711+00 generally from IH-10 West to US-290.
   j. Othon, Inc., in the amount of $1,027,739 for design and plan preparation for roadway elements of Subsection 2.6 from Station 1926+00 to 1991+00, corridor-wide engineering for signing and pavement markings design, and plan preparation from Station 2097+00 to 2410+00 generally from IH-10 West to US-290.
   k. Pate Engineers, Inc., in the amount of $393,813 for design and plan preparation for roadway elements of Subsection 2.4 from Station 1830+00 to 1880+00 generally from IH-10 West to US-290.
l. S & B Infrastructure, Ltd., in the amount of $697,769 for design and plan preparation for the Bear Creek/FM-529 bridges with exit/entrance ramps generally from IH-10 West to US-290.

m. TSC Engineering Company in the amount of $617,936 for design and plan preparation for roadway elements of Subsection 2.3 from Station 1770+00 to 1830+00 generally from IH-10 West to US-290.

n. Walter P. Moore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of $1,047,176 for design and plan preparation for the South Mayde Creek/Clay Road bridges with exit/entrance ramps from Station 1800+00 to 1821+80 generally from IH-10 West to US-290.

o. Midtown Engineers, LLC, in the amount of $412,014 for utility coordination along the corridor generally from IH-10 West to US-290.

p. TEDSI Infrastructure Group, Inc., in the amount of $179,010 for corridor-wide tolling infrastructure design engineering services generally from IH-10 West to US-290.

q. Zarinkelk Engineering Services, Inc., in the amount of $597,275 for program management services for the final design generally from IH-10 West to US-290.