



Subject: Approval of resolution (i) authorizing the Executive Director, or their designee, to negotiate, award, and execute a design-build construction contract with Austin Rail Constructors, a joint venture between Stacy and Witbeck Inc. and Sundt Construction, Inc. ("ARC") for design and construction services for the civil works, rail, stations, and system elements of Austin Light Rail; and (ii) authorizing commencement of the Phase 1A Work (as defined in such contract) and funding for the Phase 1A Work in an amount not to exceed \$60,000,000.00. This initial funding authorization is for Phase 1A scope only.

Fiscal Impact: Funding for this contract is included in Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget as amended by Austin Transit Partnership ("ATP") Board at its February 18, 2026 Board Meeting (Action Item 4).

Executive Summary: ATP staff recommends the award of the contract to ARC and the authorization to proceed with the Phase 1A Work under that contract and funding for the Phase 1A Work in an amount not to exceed \$60,000,000.00.

The Phase 1A Work will include activities relating to the following: mobilization; scope development; design, schedule, and cost review; coordination of project interfaces; and advancement of design work to a level that is of sufficient detail to allow for ATP and partner feedback and support preliminary permitting review for the project. Phase 1 of the awarded contract will initially be paid on a time and materials basis and subject to the not to exceed amount for the Phase 1A activities.

Additional Information: In Resolution ATP-2025-007, the ATP Board of Directors delegated its authority under Section 2269.056(a) of the Texas Government Code to consider construction projects associated with the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan, as permitted under Subchapter H of the Texas Government Code ("Subchapter H"). The Executive Director has determined that procuring the civil works, rail, stations, and systems elements of Austin Light Rail through a design-build delivery method provides the best value for ATP.

ATP conducted this procurement in accordance with Subchapter H, which requires a two-step process starting with a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") to identify select qualified respondents to participate in the second step, a Request for Proposals ("RFP").

On June 5, 2025, ATP issued an RFQ seeking responses in the form of Statements of Qualifications ("SOQ") from interested respondents. On July 3, 2025, ATP received three SOQs and evaluated the SOQs based on past performance and experience of the respondent and past performance of their key personnel and key staff. After a thorough evaluation by staff, which included input from City of Austin and CapMetro staffs, all three respondents were found qualified to move to the second step of the procurement process.



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On August 4, 2025, ATP issued the RFP, seeking proposals from the previously qualified respondents. On October 24, 2025, ATP received proposals from all three RFQ respondents. An evaluation team consisting of technical experts from ATP, City of Austin, and CapMetro evaluated the written technical proposals and determined they were all in the competitive range. As an element of the RFP, ATP subsequently performed collaborative behavioral assessments and conducted and evaluated interviews with all three respondents. Lastly, ATP opened, evaluated and scored the respondents' cost proposals. ARC was identified as the highest-ranking respondent.

Of note, on October 3, 2025, the United States Department of Transportation issued an Interim Final Rule related to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program ("DBE") and instructed grant recipients to remove DBE goals from all advertised but not awarded solicitations. This procurement met all requirements of the October 3, 2025, Interim Final Rule.



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**RESOLUTION OF THE AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

ATP-2026-009

WHEREAS, ATP issued a request for qualifications for design and construction services for Austin Light Rail Phase 1A ("Phase 1A") on June 5, 2025 and received statements of qualifications from three respondents in response to such request for qualifications, all of which were evaluated determined by ATP to be qualified for participation in the solicitation; and

WHEREAS, ATP subsequently issued a request for proposals for design and construction services for Austin Light Rail on August 4, 2025 to the three shortlisted respondents and received proposals from the three qualified respondents, and ATP evaluated and scored the technical and cost proposals, conducted collaborative behavioral assessments and interviews; and

WHEREAS, upon evaluation of the respondents and their proposals, ATP determined that Austin Rail Constructors, a joint venture between Stacy and Witbeck Inc. and Sundt Construction Inc. was the highest ranked respondent; and

WHEREAS, ATP recommends award of the contract for design and construction services for the civil works, rail, stations, and system elements of Austin Light Rail to Austin Rail Constructors, a joint venture between Stacy and Witbeck Inc. and Sundt Construction Inc.; and

WHEREAS, ATP staff has recommended that Austin Rail Constructors, a joint venture between Stacy and Witbeck Inc. and Sundt Construction Inc. commence performance of the Phase 1A Work (as defined in such contract); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of ATP that the Executive Director, or their designee, is hereby authorized to (i) negotiate, award, and execute a contract with Austin Rail Constructors, a joint venture between Stacy and Witbeck Inc. and Sundt Construction, Inc. for design and construction services for the civil works, rail, stations, and system elements of Austin Light Rail and (ii) authorize the commencement of the Phase 1A Work and funding for the Phase 1A Work in an amount not to exceed \$60,000,000.00.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of ATP that the Executive Director, or their designee, is authorized to take any other actions that may be required to effectuate and enforce the terms and conditions of the contract and the Phase 1A Work.



Lee Crawford,
Secretary of the Board

02/18/2026
Date