



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of October 21, 2025

DATE: October 21, 2025

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Construction Contract Award

**Castenon Street – Trojan Drive to Delgado Street
(Bond 2018, Proposition B)**

CAPTION:

Resolution awarding a construction contract to MAX Underground Construction, LLC of Corpus Christi Texas, for the reconstruction of Castenon Street from Trojan Drive to Delgado Street with new asphalt pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, signage, pavement markings, ADA ramps and utilities improvements in an amount not to exceed \$3,574,312.30, located in Council District 3 with FY 2026 funding available from the Street Bond 2018, Storm Water, Water, Wastewater, and Gas Funds.

SUMMARY:

This resolution awards a construction contract to MAX Underground Construction, LLC for the complete reconstruction of Castenon Street from Trojan Drive to Delgado Street. The existing roadway will be demolished and rebuilt with new asphalt pavement, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, driveways, signage improvements, pavement markings, and ADA ramps. In addition to roadway improvements, storm water, water, and wastewater infrastructure will be upgraded.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On November 6, 2018, voters approved the City of Corpus Christi’s Bond 2018 Program for a total of \$96 million, encompassing fifty-six projects. The propositions passed on election day included projects for streets, parks and recreation, public health, public safety, library and cultural facilities improvements. Proposition B-Streets included \$1.1 million reconstruction of Castenon Street from Trojan Drive to Delgado Street.

Castenon Street from Trojan Drive to Delgado Street, is approximately 1,700 linear feet (0.32 miles). According to the City’s Urban Transportation Plan, this section of Castenon Street is classified as C-1 Minor Residential Collector, constructed in 1967. Castenon Street is currently a two-lane, hot-mix asphalt concrete (HMAC) roadway with an average pavement of 40 feet wide, one travel lane in each direction with 6-inch curb and gutter, sidewalk, and underground storm system.

Castenon Street from Trojan Drive to Delgado Street was recommended to be design for asphalt pavement and concrete based on the pavement design recommendations by Engineering Services, approved by the City Council on July 16, 2019. However, after review, staff decided to design the project using asphalt pavement only based on the current Council Policy 28 authorized by Council on May 21, 2024, that considers street classification, constructability reason and the pavement continuity for pavement type selection. Castenon Street from Trojan Drive to Delgado Street is primarily used by Foy H. Moody High School with low traffic when school is not in session.

The project has been delayed due to the engineering design firm closure. The design of the project initially started in August 2020 but was delayed due to the staffing issues of the engineering design firm. The engineering firm was closed around May 2023 without completing the project design. After staff learned the engineering firm was closed, staff worked with Legal department to resolve billings and close out the contract with the initial engineering firm, ensuring that all loose ends were tied up before moving forward with a new firm. The project was re-assigned to another firm in June 2024 to complete the design. The final design was delivered in June 2025 and then was advertised for construction bids.

The proposed improvements include new asphalt pavement, one travel lane in each direction, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, driveways, signage improvements, pavement markings, and ADA- compliant ramps. It will replace aging utilities where applicable.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

2021 - 2025		2025	2025 - 2026
February - June		June-October	November - November
Design		Bid/Award	Construction

Project schedule reflects City Council award in October 2025 with anticipated completion by November 2026.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION PROCESS

On June 25, 2025, the Contracts and Procurement Department issued a Request for Bids (RFB #6644) for Castenon Street from Trojan Drive to Delgado Street. The solicitation contained only an asphalt pavement base bid.

On July 17, 2025, the city received bids from seven bidders. The city analyzed the bids in accordance with the contract documents and determined that MAX Underground Construction, LLC was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

A summary of the bids is provided below:

	Bidder	Base Bid (Asphalt Pavement)
1	MAX Underground Construction, LLC	\$3,574,312.30
2	A. Ortiz Construction & Paving, Inc.	\$3,648,556.13
3	Grace Paving and Construction, Inc.	\$3,731,617.19
4	JE Construction Services	\$3,812,600.20
5	Mako Contracting	\$3,941,647.46
6	Clark Pipeline Services	\$4,399,669.88
7	J Carroll Weaver	\$4,886,211.18
	<i>Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost</i>	\$6,363,673.20

The bid is well below the engineer's estimate, but staff do not have any concerns about awarding the contract to the low bidder. MAX Underground Construction, LLC is a very experienced contractor and are standing by their bid. The grouping of the five lowest bids indicates that the engineer likely overestimated the value of the work.

MAX Underground Construction, LLC has successfully completed many construction projects with the City of Corpus Christi and neighboring cities such as Ingleside, Portland, and Aransas Pass. Recent street projects include:

- Elizabeth Street from Santa Fe Street to Staples Street: Construction amount \$2,417,262.99
- City Wide Storm Water Improvements IDIQ: Construction amount \$1,500,000.00
- Slough Road from Rodd Field to Dead End: Construction amount \$5,400,889.65
- Laguna Shores Road Force Main Replacement: Construction amount \$4,425,112.50

Based on the review, city staff recommends that the City award the construction contract to the low bidder, MAX Underground Construction, LLC.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose not to award the contract to MAX Underground Construction, LLC. This decision would delay the project and conflict with the City Council's goal to expedite street projects with Bond funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposal is to award a construction contract to MAX Underground Construction, LLC, in an

amount not to exceed \$3,574,312.30, for the reconstruction of Castenon Street from Trojan Drive to Delgado Street. Project funds are available from the 2018 Street Bond and FY2026 Storm Water, Wastewater, Water, and Gas allocations. The shortfall in the project funding has been transferred from the 2018 Street Bond project closures and savings including projects Long Meadow Drive, Downtown Pedestrian Safety Improvements, and Junior Beck Drive (Bear Lane to Dead End).

Funding Detail:

Fund: **ST2020 Bd18 P2 (Fund 3557)**
Department: Streets (33)
Organization: Grants & Capital Projects (89)
Project: Castenon Street (Project 18011A)
Account: Construction (550910)
Activity: 18011A
Amount: \$1,174,479.81

Fund: **Stormwater 2025 CIP (Rv Bds) (Fund 4538)**
Department: Stormwater (47)
Organization: Grants & Capital Projects (89)
Project: Castenon Street (Project No. 18011A)
Account: Construction (550910)
Activity: 18011A
Amount: \$975,698.16

Fund: **Water 2022 CIP (Fund 4484)**
Department: Water (45)
Organization: Grants & Capital Projects (89)
Project: Castenon Street (Project No. 18011A)
Account: Construction (550910)
Activity: 18011A
Amount: \$453,889.40

Fund: **Waste Water 2025 CIP (Rv Bds) (Fund 4262)**
Department: Wastewater (46)
Organization: Grants & Capital Projects (89)
Project: Castenon Street (Project No. 18011A)
Account: Construction (550910)
Activity: 18011A
Amount: \$926,116.58

Fund: **Gas 2024 CIP (Rv Bds) (Fund 4566)**
Department: Gas (11)
Organization: Grants & Capital Projects (89)
Project: Castenon Street (Project No. 18011A)
Account: Construction (550910)
Activity: 18011A
Amount: \$44,128.35

TOTAL \$3,574,312.30

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends awarding the construction contract to MAX Underground Construction for the reconstruction of Castenon Street from Trojan Drive to Delgado Street in the amount of \$3,574,312.30.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Bid Tabs
CIP Page
18011A MAP
Point Power Presentation