

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: May 10, 2022

For Committee of the Whole: May 18, 2022

Business Item: 2022-135

Bassett Creek Tunnel MnDOT Agreement Amendment

Proposed Action

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Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

Committee Member Wulff inquired about the increase in the contract value. Staff stated that cost increases were mainly due to a higher than expected temporary conveyance cost, indicating that the Contractor thought this work would be more involved than expected. Staff also stated that the current bidding environment is being impacted by inflation and other general cost increases.

Committee Member Zeran asked if diesel fuel is used to run the pumps. Staff clarified that many times diesel fuel is used and occasionally electricity. In this instance, the Contractor will be using diesel.

Committee Member Zeran asked the amount of time it would take until major issues occur if the pump is shut off. Staff stated staff are monitoring pumps 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Motion by Zeran, seconded by Sterner. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s):	District 7, Robert Lilligren
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-1 Procurement Policy, FM14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy MN Statutes 473.504
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Tim Wedin, Assistant Manager, Interceptor Engineering, 651-602-4571
Division/Department:	MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

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Background

MnDOT will be removing an out of service section of the Bassett Creek tunnel that crosses Highway 55 at Van White Blvd. Interceptor 1-MN-320 lies under a portion of the Bassett Creek tunnel and within the construction area of this project. Additionally, the interceptor needs rehabilitation. An Agency Relocation Agreement will allow MnDOT to rehabilitate this interceptor to MCES standards as a part of their construction project.

A contract was signed with Mn/DOT, which included an initial estimate of \$680,000. It was understood that these costs would be updated once Mn/DOT selected their Design-Build Contractor. Mn/DOT negotiated a contract price of \$906,210.96 with their selected Contractor, Minger Construction Companies, Inc. This price was higher than our initial estimate.

Rationale

Contracts exceeding 10 percent of the original contract value require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive Outcome of Collaboration. The proposed work will ensure that both MCES and MnDOT can serve the region cooperatively.

Funding

Project 809209 is included in the 8090 family of projects in the 2022 MCES Authorized Capital Program.

Small Business Inclusion

MnDOT is the lead on this project. The Metropolitan Council will be operating under MnDOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements for the project depending on funding sources.

