

Business Item

Environment Committee



Committee meeting date: August 26, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: August 27, 2025

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White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan, Contract 24P056 – Amendment 1

District(s), member(s): All

Policy/legal reference: FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy

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Division/department: Environmental Services/Water Resources

Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 24P056A-C that will add \$450,000 for water supply studies and technical analyses for the White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan as follows:

Contractor	Contract Number	Current Contract Amount	Contract Amendment Amount	Revised Contract Amount
Barr Engineering	24P056A	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$750,000
Kimley-Horn	24P056B	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$600,000
SEH	24P056C	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$600,000

Background

As presented to the Environment Committee on September 26, 2023, the Minnesota Legislature provided \$2 million in funding for the Council to form a work group to develop a comprehensive plan to ensure that communities in the White Bear Lake area have access to sufficient drinking water to allow for municipal growth while ensuring the sustainability of surface and groundwater resources to supply the needs of future generations.

A greater funding amount of \$3 million was originally requested from the Minnesota Legislature for the White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan. These master contracts will support comprehensive water system planning for the White Bear Lake Area including water supply, treatment, storage, and distribution analysis and planning.

The Council awarded master contracts to Barr Engineering, Kimley-Horn, and SEH for Project 24P056 – Master Contract for Water Supply Studies and Technical Analyses for White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan. The Minnesota Legislature recently provided \$750,000 in additional funding to support additional study and project management efforts for the White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan.

Rationale

Council Policy requires amendments exceeding 10% of the original authorized contract value be approved by the Council if the cumulative value exceeds \$500,000. Amendments to contracts that exceed 10% of the original value constitute sole source procurements.

Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the Thrive 2040 outcomes of Stewardship and Sustainability and the water sustainability goal of the Water Resources Policy Plan. The White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan will ensure that communities in the White Bear Lake area have access to sufficient drinking water to allow for municipal growth while ensuring the sustainability of surface and groundwater resources to supply the needs of future generations.

Funding

The additional funding has been provided by the Minnesota Legislature specifically for the White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan.

Small business inclusion

The Office of Equity & Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of 3% for this solicitation. OEEO determined during the evaluation phase that the three consulting firms selected for master contract awards met the MCUB requirements of this contract. Final MCUB achievement is calculated using the final contract price. OEEO will continue to monitor the project to ensure the DBE requirements are met, inclusive of all amendments.

