

Business Item

Management Committee



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METRO Green Line Extension Legal Services Contract 211041 – Amendment No. 3

District(s), member(s):	District 3 (Carter), District 6 (Lilligren), District 7 (Osman), District 8 (Cameron)
Policy/legal reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/METRO Green Line Extension

Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to Contract 211041 with the Minnesota Attorney General's Office to update the rates for legal services for FY 2026 and FY 2027 and to add a not to exceed amount of \$150,000 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$650,000.

Background

In October 2021, the Metropolitan Council (Council) and the Minnesota Attorney General's Office (AGO) entered into Contract 211041 in the amount of \$500,000 for legal services for right-of-way condemnation for the METRO Green Line Extension Project through December 2023.

The contract has subsequently been amended to add related services due to Project requirements as follows:

- Amendment No. 1 added Parcel 2.215 to the scope of the work.
- Amendment No. 2 updated the rates for legal services.

Amendment No. 3 is required to update the rates for legal services for FY 2026 and FY 2027 and to add \$150,000 to the contract.

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 requiring Council approval.

Thrive lens analysis

The Council adopted Imagine 2050 on February 12, 2025, which builds on policy direction in the following Thrive MSP 2040 outcomes:

Stewardship: Transit investment provides an opportunity to reinvest and grow the capacity of our communities, with more inclusive development and intentional investment. It encourages businesses to invest in communities, which means access to resources, community amenities, jobs, and other community assets.

Equity: Connections to other METRO lines and countless local bus routes will bring people to jobs, jobs to communities, and access to communities across the region.

Livability: The METRO Green Line Extension will add 14.5 miles to the existing Line, which connects downtown Minneapolis, downtown Saint Paul, and places in-between. This segment connects Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins, and St. Louis Park to both downtown Minneapolis and Saint Paul, and major destinations at the University of Minnesota and the State Capitol.

Prosperity: The METRO Green Line Extension reflects strategic investment in regional infrastructure that will promote economic competitiveness and create prosperity for the region. Despite being under construction, the METRO Green Line Extension has already seen \$3.1 billion of investment within a half-mile of the line. Another \$738 million of investment is planned.

Sustainability: As many as 700,000 more people will be living, working, and moving around the Twin Cities region by 2040. As a result, a robust transportation system is needed to provide the region with choices and more mobility.

Funding

The cost for this amendment is a METRO Green Line Extension Project (61001) eligible cost. Funds are available in the Project (No. 61001) budget and included in the Council's authorized capital budget.

Small business inclusion

The proposed action is an amendment of an Inter-Agency agreement. The Office of Equity and Equal opportunity does not review Inter-Agency agreements for small business subcontracting opportunities.

