

## Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 22, 2014

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**Subject:** Professional Services Contract for A Line (Snelling Avenue) Design and Engineering

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### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

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### **Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions**

Katie Roth presented the business item. Council Member Brimeyer asked about funding availability for the project. General Manager Lamb indicated the overall project budget and current available resources, as well as recent funding requests.

Chair Duininck asked if system-level decisions borne by this first line impacted the project's design cost. Katie Roth responded that the project includes several system decisions that may yield efficiencies in subsequent corridors' design phases.

Council Member Elkins moved the item, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez. The item passed unanimously, and was subsequently placed on the consent agenda.

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 13, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 22, 2014

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**Subject:** Authorization to execute contract 13P216 for A Line (Snelling) BRT and arterial BRT prototype station design services

District(s), Member(s): All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Procurement for Professional Services

**Staff Prepared/Presented:**

Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510

Charles Carlson, Sr. Mgr, BRT/Small Starts, 612-349-7639

Katie Roth, Sr. Planner, BRT/Small Starts, 612-349-7772

**Division/Department:** Metro Transit / BRT/Small Starts Project Office

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### Background

Metro Transit requires a design consultant to provide design services for A Line BRT systems and station integration and the prototype arterial BRT station to be deployed region-wide as the system is built out.

A request for proposals (RFP) was issued on August 27, 2013 seeking proposals for design services. Five firms responded to the RFP. An evaluation panel representing Council staff and project partners evaluated the proposals and ranked them in accordance with established Council procedures for federally funded projects, recommending award to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Contract 13P216 will be structured in two phases, authorized by work order, in order to advance design using available funding. A Phase I work order, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,134,255, will be authorized concurrent with contract authorization. A future Phase II work order, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$814,000 or up to the remaining total contract value less Phase I, will be authorized when additional funding becomes available in mid-2014.

### Rationale

Professional services contracts in excess of \$500,000 require Council approval.

### Funding

Funding for Phase I of this contract is available within projects 61217 and 63114.

### Known Support / Opposition

Project partners participated in the evaluation and ranked the Kimley-Horn proposal as the most advantageous for the Council. There is no known opposition.