

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 13, 2014

Subject: Southwest Light Rail (Green Line Extension) – Authorize negotiation and execution of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Consultant Contract Award with SEH, Inc.

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Nani Jacobson presented. Elkins asked how this work fits in with other environmental work for the project. Ms. Jacobson responded this work primarily supports acquisition and construction-related efforts. Motion by Elkins, seconded by Rodriguez and passed. **Non-consent to Council**

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Procurement of Professional Services, MN Statutes, Section 473.399

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Southwest LRT Project Office (SPO)

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Background

A Phase I ESA for the SWLRT Project was completed in August 2013. The purpose of the Phase I ESA was to review parcels along the SWLRT corridor in order to identify areas of potential contamination and the source and date of this potential contamination. The purpose of the Phase II ESA is to further assess the environmental condition of specific sites along the SWLRT corridor with potential contamination as identified in the Phase I ESA.

The Phase II ESA consultant will provide environmental services in support of completing a Phase II ESA for the SWLRT corridor, and development of Response Action Plans for Minnesota Pollution Control Agency compliance and construction oversight. The Phase II ESA consultant will also complete a limited Phase I ESA for a segment in Eden Prairie and the switching wye in St. Louis Park that was not included in the original Phase I. Additional Phase I and II ESA activities may also be required due to design changes to the project scope as approved by the Council on July 9, 2014. If needed, this work will be authorized separately by Work Order using contingency built into the contract budget.

Four firms responded to the Council's request for proposals. An evaluation panel representing staff from the Council and Minnesota Department of Transportation evaluated the proposals and ranked the SEH proposal as the most advantageous for the Council. The SEH team has extensive experience in large corridor assessments, studies, and investigations, as well as experience in and around the Project area.

Rationale

The execution of a professional services contract in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding is available within the SWLRT Project's overall budget.

Known Support / Opposition

Project partners participated in the evaluation and ranked the SEH proposal as the most advantageous for the Council. No known opposition.