

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 24, 2014

Subject: Authorization to execute contract award for West Broadway Transit Study.

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator: To negotiate and execute a professional services contract with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. to conduct a planned study of transit improvements including bus and potential streetcar along West Broadway Avenue and connections to Bottineau LRT and downtown Minneapolis in the amount not to exceed \$614,816.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

In answer to Chair Duinick, Carlson stated that Metro Transit staff will work with the consultant team on community engagement.

No other questions. Motion by Elkins, second by Rodriguez and passed. **CONSENT** to Council.

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Meeting date: September 17, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 24, 2014

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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; Shelley Miller, Sr. Planner, BRT/Small Starts, 612-341-5668

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

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That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

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Background

Following the development and execution of a funding partnership with Minneapolis and Hennepin County, an RFP was issued May 13, 2014 for the West Broadway Transit Study. Proposals were due on June 17, 2014 and three proposals were received and evaluated. The Evaluation Panel reached consensus that selecting SRF Consulting Group, Inc. represents the best value for the Council.

SRF Consulting Group, Inc. produced the most advantageous proposal based on knowledge of the key components of the RFP which include economic development, community engagement and ridership forecasting. SRF Consulting Group, Inc. structured a strong and varied team that supports these key components. They demonstrated an understanding of the particular need for street level community outreach which will be adapted to specific needs as the study evolves. The team has experience with other public transit improvement studies and has knowledge of the study area.

The contract will be authorized with a not-to-exceed amount of \$614,816.

Rationale

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

Funding

Project funds are available through a cooperative funding agreement 13I046, including funds from Metropolitan Transportation Services Unified Planning Work Program, Hennepin County, and City of Minneapolis. The funding agreement includes \$615,000; The proposed contract value is \$614,816.

Known Support / Opposition

Project funding partners participated in the evaluation and ranked the SRF Consulting Group, Inc. proposal as the most advantageous for the Council. There is no known opposition.