

## **Transportation Committee**

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 18, 2015

**Subject:** Mall of America Transit Station Renovation Architectural/Engineering Contract

### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with Kimley-Horn for design and construction support services for the Mall of America Transit Station Renovation for a cost of \$2,268,716.

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

Council Member Elkins stated that when built, this was one of the few Malls in the country where the access to Transit was closer than the furthest parking space and added that the station is very dark and dreary.

Council Member Commers inquired about financial participation by the MOA. Jeff Freeman responded that the Mall's participation is the continuation of the original easement that was obtained for \$250,000 and was renewed for a 30 year term in 2005 to coincide with the addition of LRT at the station.

Council Member Elkins moved to approve the business item, it was seconded by Council Member Barber. The motion carried and will move to the Council as a non-consent item.

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Meeting date: November 9, 2015

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**District(s), Member(s):** District 5 (Elkins)

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Expenditure Policy 3-3, Procurement of Goods and Services

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510  
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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities

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### Background

The MOA Transit Station is the busiest Transit Station within the Regional Transit system. It serves over 2 million passengers annually. Constructed in 1992 and modified to accommodate Light Rail in 2004 the station is showing its age. It has also been shown to be operationally inefficient and is difficult to find from both inside and outside the Mall.

This project focuses on renovating the existing station; by relocating the bus operations, improving the aesthetics, and providing direct access to the Mall interior.

Four proposals were reviewed by the Evaluation Team, the proposal from Kimley-Horn was determined to be most qualified and in the best interest of the council and has passed an OEO review of its proposed DBE participation in the contract.

### Rationale

The execution of A/E design and construction services contracts in excess of \$500,000 requires Council Approval.

### Funding

Project funding is authorized and available for the first phase of this effort within project 63217. This activity will have a separate Notice to Proceeds for Construction Support and Design and Construction that will correspond with the availability of Federal funding and the cost sharing agreement with the City of Bloomington.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.