

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 18, 2015

Subject: Heywood II Garage Architectural/Engineering Contract

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Council Member Elkins asked if garage would be looking more closely at Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for the bus fleet. Brian Lamb answered that we are looking at and evaluating the incremental cost increase as part of the project to make a decision.

Council Member Letofsky asked about how the land acquisition process is happening, referring to a past information item about land acquisition around the Heywood Campus. Pat Jones answered that the process is still moving forward and we are having favorable responses in negotiations. The NEPA (environmental documentation) process needs to be approved before we are able to close on the property.

Council Member Barber motioned to approve the business item and Council Member Dorfman seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the business item will move to the Council meeting as a non-consent item.

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Meeting date: November 9, 2015

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District(s), Member(s): District 7 (Cunningham)

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

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Division/Department: Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities

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Background

The purpose of the Heywood II project is to provide additional bus storage, operations and support functions, and maintenance space to support continued growth in ridership demand. Metro Transit annual ridership exceeded 84.5 million rides in 2014. In each of the past four years, ridership on Metro Transit vehicles has exceeded 80 million. Existing bus facility capacity has exceeded its limit to meet ridership demand. Metro Transit is proposing to construct a bus garage for an expanded Metro Transit bus fleet. Current bus garage design for maximum efficiency is 839 buses. In 2014 the fleet size was 921 buses and it is estimated that in 2020 the fleet size will be 1,051 buses. The existing bus garages are currently operating at reduced efficiency and cannot handle the projected growth making the expansion of the bus garage necessary.

The proposed garage will support 186 operating buses and it would be located near the existing Fred T. Heywood garage at 570 Sixth Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55411.

Four proposals were reviewed by the Evaluation Team, the proposal from LHB, Inc. 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 62312. This contract will have a separate Notice to Proceeds for Design Development, Construction Documents, and Construction Support Services that will correspond with the availability of Federal and State funding.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.