

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 10, 2015

Subject: Authorization to award and execute a construction for A Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Global Specialty Contractors, Inc., for the construction of the A Line BRT project and arterial BRT Pilot Station at a cost of \$11,492,841.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Katie Roth and Charles Carlson presented. Barber asked what a “pilot” station is and Roth explained it is a separate station that will help get a sense of how stations will operate. The pilot station is funded by previous funds that were not used. Dorfman asked about what aspects of the project made it novel and complex, and Roth explained that the dispersed nature of work, the coordination with other projects, and the substantial communications systems added to the project’s novelty and complexity.

The Committee discussed wording in the motion and agreed that the motion should be clarified by adding the word “project” as indicated below:

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Motion by Commers, seconded by M. McCarthy and passed to approve the **amended** motion.

Amended and Corrected Proposed Action

Following Committee action, an error was discovered in the amount included in the action. The action should be revised as follows:

“That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Global Specialty Contractors, Inc., for the construction of the A Line BRT project and arterial BRT Pilot Station at a cost of \$11,952,841.”

The corrected amount is consistent with bid amount, cost analysis and available funding.

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Meeting date: June 8, 2015

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District(s), Member(s):	District 8 (Letofsky); District 10 (McCarthy); District 14 (Commers)
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Procurement of Goods and Services
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Charles Carlson, Senior Manager, BRT/Small Starts, 612-349-7639 Katie Roth, Project Manager, BRT/Small Starts, 612-349-7772
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / BRT/Small Starts Project Office

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Background

The A Line project will construct 38 BRT station platforms along Snelling Avenue, Ford Parkway, and 46th Street in Roseville, Falcon Heights, St. Paul, and Minneapolis, as well as two Pilot Station platforms at 7th Street & Olson Highway in Minneapolis. Construction will include coordination with other ongoing roadway projects at 12 of these sites.

On May 12, 2015, two bids were received and opened publicly, in the amounts of \$11,952,841 and \$12,369,000. The engineer’s estimate for the work was \$8,222,655. The low responsive bid, from Global Specialty Contractors, Inc., exceeds the engineer’s estimate by 45 percent. A 15 percent disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to the project. The Office of Equal Opportunity has reviewed the bids for DBE participation and good faith efforts and the low responsive bidder passed the DBE review.

Rationale

The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$2,500,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Project funding is authorized and available in project 61217 (A Line) and project 63114 (Pilot Station). A combination of federal (FTA, CMAQ), local (RTC), and state (Chapter 152, GO bonds, and appropriation) sources will be used to fund the project.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.

