

## Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 8, 2017

**Subject:** Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Contract Award for Phase III Archaeological Data Recovery

### Proposed Action

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### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Kelcie Campbell, SWLRT Program Manager for Environment, presented the item. Commers asked about the use of the term 'data', to which Campbell explained that is the technical terminology but it is referring to artifacts in the ground. Letofsky asked if there was any anticipation as to what will be found and what will be done with it. Campbell replied that the materials expected to be found at that site are household materials from the late 1800s, early 1900s and once these artifacts are recorded, the information will be used as a public education piece.

Motion by Commers, seconded by Letofsky and passed. CONSENT to Council.

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Meeting date: October 23, 2017

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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statute 473.3999; Metropolitan Council Procedure 3-3
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit / Green Line Extension Project Office

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### Background

The SWLRT Project will cause an adverse effect to two archaeological sites which will be destroyed in order to construct Royalston Station. The adverse effect could not be avoided and the project therefore engaged in extensive consultation with Section 106 consulting parties to minimize and mitigate the adverse effect. This contract will perform archaeological investigations (Phase II) of previously inaccessible portions of the sites near the proposed Royalston Station, complete data recovery (Phase III) within two late nineteenth/early twentieth-century sites identified in previous Phase II study, and develop interpretive materials based on Phase III data recovery for panels installed at the Station. The Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement documents these measures to mitigate the adverse effect of construction.

### Rationale

The Council received one proposal. Procurement completed an Adequate Competition Determination and found the specifications were not restrictive and there was adequate competition. An evaluation panel reviewed the proposal and recommended the proposer. The negotiation team negotiated with the Consultant and agreed upon a fair and reasonable price for the scope of work. The Phase III data recovery is a requirement of the Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement to mitigate for adverse effects.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Construction of the Green Line Extension that will increase the region's prosperity as it will provide access to 80,900 forecasted jobs and a new transportation option for 55,800 forecasted residents within ½ mile of the planned new stations in addition to the 145,300 forecasted jobs and 35,600 forecasted residents in downtown Minneapolis.

**Funding**

Funds for this contract are included in the project budget and are eligible project costs that will be funded 50% by the Federal Transit Administration and 50% by local funding partners.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to this action.