

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 12, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 14, 2018

<b>Subject:</b>	C Line and Penn Avenue Road Construction Contract Award
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 2 (Schreiber); District 7 (Cunningham)
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Procurement of Goods and Services
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit BRT/Small Starts Project Office

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 17P256 with Thomas and Sons Construction Inc. for the construction of the C Line BRT and Penn Avenue Road Construction project at a cost of \$12,976,110.

### Background

The C Line BRT and Penn Avenue Road Construction project will complete work on 33 C Line platforms, and includes the full reconstruction of 8 intersections and a 0.6-mile street segment on Penn Avenue. Non-BRT work on Penn Avenue is funded by a cooperative construction agreement with Hennepin County.

On January 10, 2018, five bids were received and opened publicly, ranging from \$12,976,110 to \$15,277,826. The low responsive base bid, from Thomas and Sons Construction Inc., is 25 percent less than the engineer's estimate before applied contingency. A 20 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.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Investment in high-quality transportation options in the Penn Avenue corridor will advance the thrive outcome of prosperity, by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation. The C Line / Penn Avenue project advances the equity outcome by investing in transit in an area of concentrated poverty where more than 50 percent of the residents are people of color.

### Funding

Funding is authorized and available in project 61404 (C Line) for Metro Transit participation in the amount of \$6,721,565. Hennepin County participation in the amount of \$6,254,545 has been authorized through execution of a cooperative construction agreement.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

The Hennepin County Board authorized its participation in the cooperative construction agreement for this project on November 28, 2017. There is no known opposition.