

## Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 23, 2018

**Subject:** Northstar VMF Drop Table and Track, Contract No. 17P395

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of a construction contract with Sheehy Construction in the amount of \$3,347,300 for the construction of a drop table and outdoor track at the Northstar vehicle maintenance facility in Big Lake.

### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities Assistant Director Pat Jones and Metro Transit Principal Engineer Kim Zlimen presented this item. Councilmember Schreiber stated that there have been bills introduced to fund service up to Saint Cloud, she asked if this project would accommodate any future extensions of service. Zlimen answered that the drop table would service the existing fleet of locomotives and passenger cars and could service an expanded fleet as well. Metro Transit General Manager Brian Lamb added that theoretically with the same number of locomotives and cars, Northstar could service an extended route. Lamb said the improvements contemplated would be even more necessary if the fleet size was increased, but there would also need to be additional storage areas to accommodate a larger fleet.

Motion by Dorfman, seconded by Munt. Motion carried, **consent to Council.**

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: May 14, 2018

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**District(s), Member(s):** N/A

**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 & Facilities

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That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of a construction contract with Sheehy Construction in the amount of \$3,347,300 for the construction of a drop table and outdoor track at the Northstar vehicle maintenance facility in Big Lake.

### Background

Contract 17P395 is for the construction of a drop table pit with installation of a single-axle drop table, and construction of an outdoor storage track at Northstar's vehicle maintenance facility in Big Lake. Installation of the drop table will provide a safer and more efficient way to remove axles and traction motor units for maintenance. Construction of an outdoor track will provide additional storage space for trains at the facility with plans to extend the track into the building as part of a future project.

An Invitation for Bids was issued on March 26, 2018. On May 1, 2018, five (5) bids were received and opened publicly. Sheehy Construction provided the low bid of \$3,347,300. The Office of Equal Opportunity evaluated Sheehy Construction's bid and determined that the DBE participation goals for the project have been met. Staff have determined that the low bid submitted by Sheehy Construction is fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Council.

### Rationale

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

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *sustainability* by ensuring the region's existing transit resources are maintained in a state of good repair, thereby providing efficient, reliable, and safe service.

### Funding

Project funding is authorized and available within projects 64501 and 64708.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.

# Northstar VMF Drop Table and Track Contract 17P395



Transportation Committee  
May 14, 2018  
Business Item 2018-106

Presented by:  
Kim Zlimen, P.E.  
Engineering & Facilities

## Project Need

A drop table will improve the safety and efficiency of removing axles and traction motors for maintenance



## Requested Action – Business Item 2018-106

That the Metropolitan Council authorize award and execution of construction Contract No. 17P395 with Sheehy Construction in the amount of \$3,347,300.

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