

## Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2019

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### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Jim Alexander, SWLRT Project Director, presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members. CONSENT to Council.

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Chamblis. Motion carried.

Zeran recused himself from vote.

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Meeting date: November 25, 2019

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**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Wes Kooistra, General Manager, 612-349-1723  
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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit / Green Line Extension / Blue Line Extension Project Offices

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### Background

e-Builder is a cloud-based project management software. This project management system is currently used by staff working on the Southwest and Blue Line Extension LRT projects and is being used for tasks including construction correspondence, reviews and change authorization, project documentation and archiving of documentation, and procurement processes.

The Council has a current contract with e-Builder which expires December 31, 2019. The proposed new contract will be for a period of 3 years (2020-2022) and will allow the project offices to continue these essential tasks without interruption. The proposed contract amount is within 10% of the independent cost estimate. The Southwest and Blue Line project offices have agreed to split the cost of the contract, with 75% being billed to the Southwest Project Office and 25% to the Blue Line Extension Project Office.

### Rationale

A sole source contract for this procurement is justified because the Council has already made a significant investment in the e-Builder Project Management System by establishing workflows, uploading documents, and training staff and third-party users. In addition, there is a requirement to use e-Builder on active construction contracts. Continued use of e-Builder is economical, efficient and operationally feasible as a sole source for the procurement.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

- **Equity:** The Met Council's Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) did not assign a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal on this contract as it is a software license procurement.
- **Livability:** The Green Line Extension (SWLRT) 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.

- Prosperity: The Green Line Extension reflects strategic investment in regional infrastructure that will promote economic competitiveness and create prosperity for the region.

### **Funding**

Funds for this contract are included in the Project budgets and the Council's authorized capital budget and are eligible project costs that will be funded by the Federal Transit Administration and local funding partners.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to this action.