

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 4, 2020

Subject: Contract 20P040 - Solid Waste and Recycling Material Removal

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Senior Project Coordinator Jeff Freeman presented this item. Sterner asked if recycling or organics was included in this program. Freeman responded that we currently have single sort recycling but have begun a three-bin system which includes organics at four locations (TCC, FTH Office, MTOD HQ, and Transfer Road) – looking to expand to remaining Minneapolis Campus facilities and Ramsey County facilities but with the pandemic it has slowed progress. Freeman added that there are already rates in the contract for those recycling and organic services.

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Chamblis. Motion carried, CONSENT to Council.

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Meeting date: October 26, 2020

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District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Expenditure
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Division/Department: Metro Transit Engineering & Facilities

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Background

The Invitation for bid (IFB) was advertised on June 18, 2020. There were six (6) plan holders. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on June 30, 2020 when two (2) bids were received. The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) reviewed the project for sub-contracting opportunities and did not establish an MCUB goal. Waste Management of Minnesota was the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder. Waste Management's bid was \$337,521.95.

However, due to volatility in landfill fees and landfill availability, the IFB bid form did not include the cost of disposing of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) at the landfill, a charge based on weight. The bidders were instructed to pass that cost through for reimbursement and to include all overhead and profit related to that portion of their service in their pick-up fee. The intent of this contract is that it will have a 36-month period of performance. In 2019 the cost for these services was approximately \$275,000. Due to the installation of a compactor at Transfer Road to better process the collected waste from our Public Facilities, the estimated amount for the initial 12-month period is \$180,000. Therefore, based on the annual estimated amount, a potential yearly increase in disposal fees, various one-time clean-up initiatives, and state and county fee increases, the sought contract amount is \$575,000.

Rationale

The award and execution of contract in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval. Metro Transit generates waste streams through its support and public operations. In accordance with the diversion goal of 75% by 2030 established in Executive Order 19-27. Metro Transit needs a forward-thinking partner that will support this effort through recycling opportunities, waste stream audits, and accurate reporting of weights and data to track progress. The IFB was constructed around those needs and the overall goal. The proposed vendor has provided services consistent with this objective.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes **Sustainability** objectives related to waste diversion from landfillable waste to single sort and organics recycling.

Funding

Funding is available within the operating budgets of each corresponding cost center.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.