

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 23, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 25, 2020

Subject: SWLRT (Green Line Extension) Franklin Operations and Maintenance Facility Modifications Contract Award
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Procurement Policy 3-3
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute the Franklin Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Facility Modifications Contract (19P272) for the Southwest LRT Project (SWLRT) to LS Black Constructors in an amount not to exceed \$38,650,000. The action is contingent upon receipt of a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) from the FTA and approval of the LONP work from Hennepin County.

Background

On October 25, 2019, the Council issued an Invitation for Bids for the Franklin O&M Facility Modifications Contract. On January 21, 2020, the Council received two bids for \$38.7 million and \$46.0 million. Procurement reviewed the bids and determined they were both responsive and responsible. LS Black Constructors offered the lowest bid.

The Contract scope includes construction of three main additions to the existing Franklin Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Facility including:

- Modifying the light rail train (LRT) car wash & sanding bay to accommodate a three-car consist
- Adding five new maintenance bays
- Constructing a new Rail Control Center

The scope of work also includes yard track & systems site modifications, Traction Power Sub-Station (TPSS) site construction, and renovations to administration support areas.

Rationale

Due to budget overruns in 2018, the Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) was removed from the Project scope and replaced with two smaller scope items: modifications to the existing Franklin O&M Facility, and a new Rail Support Facility (which was previously planned to be included within the larger OMF). This contract provides the maintenance functions necessary at the Franklin O&M Facility to support the Green Line Extension.



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Equity:

- The Met Council's Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 15% for this contract. The OEO evaluation determined that LS Black Constructors met the DBE requirements established for the project. The Franklin contract includes commitments to make good faith efforts towards meeting workforce goals of 32% people of color and 20% women participation for construction labor.

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 the contract are included in the Project budget and the authorized capital budget and are eligible project costs that will be funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and local funding partners. The action is contingent upon receipt of a Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) from the FTA and approval of the LONP work from Hennepin County. Metro Transit is providing \$3 million for the car wash and sanding bay work which is included in the authorized Capital Budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.