

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 23, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 25, 2020

Subject: Blue Line Enhancements Phase II Design and Construction Support Services, Contract 19P281

District(s), Member(s): District 5, Molly Cummings

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3, Procurement of Goods and Services

Staff Prepared/Presented: Ryan Heath, Associate Engineer (Project Manager)

Division/Department: Engineering & Facilities, Metro Transit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 19P281 with WSP USA, Inc., in the amount of \$6,426,423 for design and construction support services related to Blue Line Enhancements Phase II.

Background

Contract 19P281 is for design and construction support services related to Blue Line Enhancements Phase II. Blue Line Enhancements is a phased state-of-good repair project focusing on replacement and upgrade of track, interlockings, and signaling on the METRO Blue Line. Phase I completed work in Downtown Minneapolis. Phase II will replace deteriorated track at the Mall of America and 28th Avenue interlockings in Bloomington and replacing outdated signal components between Mall of America and Humphrey stations. A revised track layout at the 28th Avenue interlocking and additional signaling between 28th Avenue and NWA Interlocking will increase operational flexibility.

A Request for Proposals was issued on October 3, 2019. There were twenty-eight (28) plan holders, and three (3) proposals were received on November 6, 2019. This was a Brooks-Act Procurement, a two-step process. The evaluation panel selected WSP USA, Inc., as the most technically qualified proposer. Following the evaluation panel's selection, the negotiation panel negotiated a price of \$6,426,423. The negotiation panel agreed that the final negotiated price of \$6,426,423 is fair and reasonable and WSP USA, Inc., is recommended for award.

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of twelve (12) percent. OEO determined that WSP USA, Inc., passed the DBE evaluation by meeting the numeric goal.

Rationale

The award and execution of a professional/technical services contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

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

Funding

Project funding is authorized in Table 3 of the Council's 2020, 2021, and 2022 CIPs and funding for design is part of the Quarter 1 Capital Budget amendment to be authorized by the Council on March 25, 2020.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.