

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 22, 2021

Subject: Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Emergency Declaration for Repairs to Currie Maintenance Facility

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council ratify the Emergency Declaration for repairs to the Currie Maintenance Facility for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project to Ames Construction in the amount not to exceed \$220,000.

Summary of Discussion

Metro Transit SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander presented this item. Ferguson asked if this is a case where this would be at the contractor's cost and not ours. Alexander responded that the first order of business was to secure the building, second, we now have a consultant to help with the evaluation of those details, so it is still to be determined. Zeran asked if there could be potential litigation. Alexander answered that is not anticipated, as we have been working cooperatively with the City of Minneapolis but would be advising the Council if we were to head that direction.

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

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy FM 14-2, Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Green Line Extension Project Office

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Background

Construction activities related to the new Glenwood Avenue East Bridge abutment have resulted in damage to the City of Minneapolis Currie Maintenance Facility. Specifically, the Facility has experienced movement (vertical and horizontal displacement) as a result of soil settlement adjacent to the building footing. This has impacted the connection between a portion of an exterior wall and a section of the roof.

The contractor performed emergency work to the building including the installation of temporary shoring for immediate stabilization of the impacted section of roof. The work also includes the performance of repair work to re-establish the connection between the wall and the roof. These activities have been conducted in coordination with the City of Minneapolis.

Rationale

Emergency Declarations exceeding \$175,000 require Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Livability: The Green Line Extension 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

The work for this Emergency Declaration is a Southwest LRT Project (61001) eligible cost. Funds for the work are available in the Project budget. This work is included in the Council's authorized capital budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.