

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 14, 2021

Subject: On-Call Track Maintenance, Contract 20P251

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with Railworks Track Systems, Inc., to provide on-call and preventative track maintenance to the Blue and Green Lines in an amount not to exceed \$1,375,000 for a period of five years, through December 31, 2025.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Track Manager Tony Klinger presented this item. Committee member Fredson asked about outsourcing. Klinger stated this contract helps supplement Metro Transit's workforce but does not outsource current work designated to Metro Transit staff. Committee member Cummings commented on the difference in the bids. Klinger stated he could not speculate why there was such a difference. Both bidders submitted offers against the same scope of services and would look into possible reasons for discrepancies to ensure adequate competition on future solicitations. Committee member Sterner commented on outreach to service providers for greater engagement. Klinger stated that the two bidders were the only known service providers in this market with the capability to perform required deliverables and procurement staff suggested for future solicitations to advertise to national and rail publications such as American Public Transportation Association (APTA).

Motion by Fredson, seconded by Sterner. Motion carried, **consent** to Council.

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Meeting date: March 22, 2021

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District(s), Member(s): All

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

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Rail Systems Maintenance

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Background

Metro Transit Rail System Maintenance requires on-call and preventative track maintenance for track failures and emergency repair service needs. An on-call rail maintenance contract will help obtain the most economic use of labor, materials, and equipment that is required to provide a safe, efficient, and competitive mass transit service.

An Invitation for Bids was advertised on January 6, 2021. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquires. There were three registered plan holders and Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on February 9, 2021 and two bids were received.

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of written one percent. OEO determined that Railworks Track Systems, Inc., passed the DBE evaluation by meeting the commitment goal.

Rationale

The two bids received ranged from \$563,204.96 to \$1,239,040.20. Railworks Track Systems, Inc., is the low, responsive, and responsible bidder and is recommended for award. The award and execution of contracts for non-construction services in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This project provides improvements and repairs to the light rail tracks and advances the Thrive outcomes of Livability, Prosperity and Equity by continuing to serve residents who depend on public transit.

Funding

Project funds are available through local and federal funding in project 61703 and future projects authorized by the Council as needed.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.