

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 14, 2021

Subject: METRO D Line – Amendment to Design and Construction Administration Services Contract 18P182

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit BRT Project Manager Shahin Khazrajafari presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion by Fredson, seconded by Cummings. Motion carried. Consent to Council.

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Meeting date: June 28, 2021

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District(s), Member(s):	District 2 (Chamblis); District 5 (Cummings); District 7 (Lilligren); District 8 (Muse)
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Wes Kooistra, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Charles Carlson, Director, BRT Projects, 612-349-7639 Katie Roth, Assistant Director, BRT Projects, 612-349-7772 Shahin Khazrajafari, Project Manager, D Line, 612-349-7764
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / BRT Projects

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Background

Contract 18P182 with HDR for the D Line BRT project includes design, engineering, and construction support services for stations and fiber infrastructure along the D Line corridor. As awarded, the contract also included limited design and construction administration efforts to construct locally requested pedestrian and signal improvements along the corridor, developed in coordination with Hennepin County, and the cities of Minneapolis and Bloomington.

As project design progressed, local partners each modified the magnitude of the locally requested scope elements originally stipulated in the design contract. Repackaging fiber conduit construction, due to schedule and an unfavorable 2020 bidding environment, has required additional design efforts. The final project scope and schedule, along with limited Council staff availability to administer construction, have also required additional construction-phase consultant support within this contract.

Beyond the base scope, additional consultant support is needed to design and deliver three future D Line stations in coordination with other street construction projects, at Osseo Road and 47th Avenue, Chicago and 38th Street, and a permanent station at Portland and 77th Street. Design of the Chicago & 38th Street station was temporarily paused, following the killing of George Floyd and racial justice protests centered at the Chicago & 38th Street intersection. Design of this station will advance in the future in close coordination with the City and the community, as intersection reconstruction plans progress. Separate future Council actions will be requested to amend the D Line Station Plan with added or changed station locations as coordinated planning efforts advance.

The DBE goal on this contract was set at 20%. HDR has met the goal and will maintain their DBE utilization with this amendment.

Rationale

Council policy requires that contract amendments valued at greater than 10% of the original contract value be considered a sole source procurement and be approved by the Council.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The D Line will upgrade and substantially replace Route 5, Metro Transit's highest ridership bus route. Investment in high-quality transportation options in the Route 5 corridor will advance the thrive outcome of prosperity, by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

The D Line project advances the Thrive outcome of Equity by investing in a transit corridor serving communities of color. Nearly three-quarters of Route 5 riders identify as Black, Indigenous, or people of color (BIPOC). Investment in the D Line will provide riders with faster service and a more comfortable waiting and riding experience.

The proposed action also advances the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by delivering D Line corridor improvements efficiently with regional partnership from Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Richfield, and Bloomington.

Funding

Funding is authorized and available in project 62800 (D Line) for Metro Transit participation in the amount of \$1,520,774. The remaining funding is available through executed cooperative agreements for locally requested scope with Hennepin County, the City of Minneapolis, and the City of Bloomington.

Known Support / Opposition

Project partners are supportive of coordinated efforts to deliver the D Line and related improvements. There is no known opposition to this action.