

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: November 28, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: November 30, 2022

Business Item: 2022-277 SW

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit BRT Project Manager Frank Alarcon presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

Motion by Sterner, seconded by Fredson. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s):	District 6 (Pacheco), District 7 (Lilligren), District 8 (Muse), District 14 (Fredson), District 13 (Lee)
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Wes Kooistra, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager, 612-349-7507 Katie Roth, Director, Arterial BRT, 612-349-7772 Frank Alarcon, Project Manager, BRT, 612-349-7692
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Arterial BRT

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Background

Bus rapid transit stations on the METRO system feature a signature shelter to provide a comfortable customer experience. These are purchased directly by the Council and provided to project construction contractors for installation. Following a competitive procurement, the Council awarded the existing contract for arterial bus rapid transit (BRT) shelters in 2021 to Duo-Gard Industries, Inc. In addition to the base order of shelters purchased at that time for the D Line, the contract included future options for up to 200 additional shelters over a five-year contract horizon. This is a finished goods purchase for Duo-Gard Industries, Inc. to fabricate and deliver 43 shelters for the B Line.

Exercising an option to purchase shelters under the existing contract with Duo-Gard Industries, Inc. allows the Council to utilize previously negotiated shelter pricing and will help to ensure timely fabrication and delivery of the shelters for B Line construction in 2023 and 2024. A same week Council action is requested to ensure timely fabrication and delivery of the shelters.

Rationale

The execution of a goods contract option in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The shelter is a key component of BRT station design. In addition to providing protection from the elements, it includes additional amenities such as seating, heat, light, and security features, and

contributes to a high-quality customer experience. Investment in high-quality transportation options in planned BRT corridors 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 B Line station shelter option advances the Thrive outcome of Equity by investing in a transit corridor serving several areas of concentrated poverty where more than fifty percent of the residents are people of color. More than half of Route 21 riders identify as Black, Indigenous, or people of color (BIPOC). This investment will contribute to providing riders with a more reliable service and experience.

The proposed action advances the Stewardship outcome by delivering BRT network improvements in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

Funding

Funding is available and authorized in project 62802 for this purchase.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEEO) set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 9% on the original contract, 19P385B. At the time of award, OEEEO determined that the awarded vendor met the DBE requirements for the contract. For the current proposed option on the existing contract, OEEEO determined that the vendor, Duo-Gard Industries, Inc., continues to meet the DBE requirements for the contract.

