

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: December 14, 2022

Business Item: 2022-307

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Green Line Extension Project Director Jim Alexander presented this item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

Motion by Chamblis, seconded by Fredson. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM14-1a Procurement Procedure; FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Greater than \$500,000
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Nick Thompson, Deputy GM Capital Programs 651-602-1754 Jim Alexander, Project Director, 612-373-3880 Joan Hollick, Deputy Project Director, 612-373-3820 Nic Dial, Director of Construction, 612-373-3974
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Green Line Extension Project Office

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Background

In November 2018, Braun Intertec was awarded contract 18P018 in the amount of \$36,003,363.72 for quality management services for the METRO Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) Project. The work includes extensive field inspection and testing and manufacturing plant inspection and testing. In March 2022, the Council approved Amendment 2 to the contract for \$7.8M to allow the Council to continue to implement the Project's robust Quality Assurance Plan and provide appropriate quality oversight of the Civil construction contractor's quality control activities until the end of 2022. Amendment 3 adds additional funds to extend the Contract and its services to the end of 2023.

The additional contract amount is necessary due to the delay to the Civil construction schedule. Quality management services will be required for the remainder of Civil construction; staff will assess Project needs for 2024 through the completion of Civil construction as the 2023 construction season concludes.

Rationale

This amendment is needed to continue quality management services seamlessly for the Project. The amendment of a professional contract exceeding 10% of the original authorized value requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Successful completion of the METRO Green Line Extension will advance the following Thrive MSP 2040 outcomes:

Stewardship: Transit investment provides an opportunity to reinvest and grow the capacity of our communities, with more inclusive development and intentional investment. It encourages businesses to invest in communities, which means access to resources, community amenities, jobs, and other community assets.

Equity: Connections to other METRO lines and countless local bus routes will bring people to jobs, jobs to communities, and returns to communities across the region.

Livability: The METRO Green Line Extension will add 14.5 miles to the existing Line, which connects downtown Minneapolis, downtown Saint Paul, and places in-between. This segment connects Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins, and St. Louis Park to both downtown Minneapolis and Saint Paul, and major destinations at the University of Minnesota and the State Capitol.

Prosperity: The METRO Green Line Extension reflects strategic investment in regional infrastructure that will promote economic competitiveness and create prosperity for the region. Despite being under construction, the METRO Green Line Extension has already seen more than \$1.6 billion of investment within a half-mile of the line. Another \$500 million in investment is planned.

Sustainability: As many as 700,000 more people will be living, working, and moving around the Twin Cities region by 2040. As a result, a robust transportation system is needed to provide the region choices and more mobility.

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Funding

The work for this amendment is a Project (61001) eligible cost. This work is included in the Council's authorized capital budget and the Project budget.

Small Business Inclusion

The DBE goal established for this contract is 15%. As of work completed through September 30, 2022, Braun is achieving 18.94% DBE participation. This amendment includes work performed by DBE firms such that Braun will continue to meet or exceed 15% DBE participation for the overall contract.

