

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 23, 2022

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Summary of Discussion

Jim Alexander, Green Line Extension Project Director, presented the item.

Gonzalez asked if there are any lessons or changes in our approach we can take to future projects. Alexander responded that mega projects such as this will have issues, and with this project we had several key issues that have required more time and costs. These include the corridor protection wall, Kenilworth tunnel, and addition of Eden Prairie Town Center station. Alexander responded two key areas he would suggest to avoid for future projects would be working next to freight rail and to avoid tunnels. Thompson added that we have a strong collaboration on all our projects coming up. Our history is to bring the projects in on time and on or under budget. This project is an outlier because of freight and the tunnel. Procurement Director Jody Jacoby added that her department is also strategizing with various entities to look for ways to be more effective with different opportunities in the procurement process. Fredson echoed that this project was an outlier.

Motion by Fredson seconded by Cummings. Motion carried.

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Meeting date: March 14, 2022

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Policy/Legal Reference:	FM14-1a Procurement Procedure; FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Greater than \$500,000
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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. The work includes extensive field inspection and testing and manufacturing plant inspection and testing. Amendment No. 2 will 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.

This amendment will fund work for the remainder of 2022. The additional contract amount is necessary due to the higher than anticipated number of inspectors than assumed in the base contract as well as delay to the Civil construction schedule. The quality management services will be required for the remainder of Civil construction; staff will assess Project needs for 2023 through the completion of Civil construction as the 2022 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 will be included in the Council's authorized capital budget and be available in the Project budget, subject to the approval of 2022 Budget Amendment – METRO Green Line Extension Budget Amendment (2022-62 JT).

Small Business Inclusion

The DBE goal established for this contract is 15%. As of work completed through January 31, 2021, Braun is achieving 18.0% 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.