

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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**For the Metropolitan Council:** June 22, 2022

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### Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

This item was on the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Fredson, seconded by Cummings to adopt the consent agenda.



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**District(s), Member(s):** District 12 (Gonzalez), District 11 (Vento), District 13 (Lee)

**Policy/Legal Reference:** FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Wes Kooistra, General Manager, 612-349-7510  
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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit / METRO Gold Line Project Office

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### Background

The Council and MnDOT are preparing to enter into a Master Partnership Contract (MPC) for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027. The MPC allows the issuance of a work orders in support of Metro Transit’s capital projects. For example, MnDOT staff can conduct certain quality control activities such as concrete plant inspections and bituminous plant inspections and provide traffic components for state roads.

WO#10 will allow MnDOT to provide plant inspection services related to testing, materials control, independent assurance, and overall quality construction of the Project in the amount not to exceed \$550,000.

Council Policy requires Interagency Agreements valued at greater than \$500,000 be approved by the Council.

### Rationale

The Council will realize a cost savings by contracting directly with MnDOT compared to procuring these services through a quality management consultant. MnDOT provides these services to local governments throughout the state. By providing these services to multiple governmental entities, rather than requiring each government to pay a separate inspector for the same plant inspection, MnDOT can spread the costs associated with these services.

### **Thrive Lens Analysis**

Investment in high-quality transportation options 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 Gold Line project advances the Equity outcome by distributing transit resources throughout the region and improving access to jobs, educational opportunities, and health services to diverse communities.

### **Funding**

Local funding is fully provided through an executed Capital Grant Agreement with the Gold Line Joint Powers Board and incorporated into the Council's Authorized Capital Budget under Project #61402.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

There are no direct impacts to small business inclusion associated with the action.

