

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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**For the Metropolitan Council:** July 13, 2022

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### Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Alicia Vap, Acting Project Director for the Gold Line project office, presented the business item. Cummings asked if two bids were what we expected to receive, and Ms. Vap responded that two bids were adequate, and both were great firms. Cummings asked we circle back with those firms that expressed interest in the proposal but did not put forth a bid to find out why. Ms. Vap stated she would gather and forward that information back to Council members.

Motion by Chamblis, seconded by Zeran. Motion carried.



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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 12 (Gonzalez), District 11 (Vento), District 13 (Lee)
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Wes Kooistra, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager, 612-349-7507 Steve Barrett, Gold Line Construction Manager, 651-602-1993
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit Capital Programs – METRO Gold Line Project Office

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### Background

The Project will support the Council's Civil Contract construction management team and will be responsible for Quality Assurance inspections and testing. Having construction administration and inspection consultants support the Project is a cost effective and efficient way to provide adequate people to handle the administrative and inspection tasks.

A Request for Proposals was issued on March 18, 2022. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquires. There were eighteen registered plan holders, fourteen consultants, two subcontractors, two plan rooms, and four plan holders identified as minority, woman, small, veteran or disadvantaged business enterprises. The Council received two proposals to be evaluated for the consideration of award.

In accordance with the Brooks Act, the evaluation of proposals followed a two-step process. An evaluation panel, consisting of Council staff, project partners and subject matter experts, reviewed the proposals and ranked the technical merits of each proposer. Following approval of the evaluation panel findings, conclusions, and recommendation, the costing data of the highest ranked proposer was reviewed by a negotiation panel that negotiated pricing. The negotiation panel agreed that the final prices have been determined to be fair and reasonable and recommend the SRF, Inc. proposal as the most advantageous to the Council.

## **Rationale**

The execution of professional service contracts exceeding \$500,000 require Council approval.

## **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 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**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 15% for the Project. OEEO has determined that the recommended proposer has met the Council's DBE contract requirements for the Project.

