

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: May 22, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: May 24, 2023

Business Item: 2023-95 SW

METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit – Woodlane Park-and-Ride, Contract 22P425

Proposed Action

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Steve Barrett, Construction Manager for the Gold Line Project Office, presented the business item. Council Members asked about environmental construction features such as solar panels, Barrett said the space is being set up to accommodate that in the future.

Motion by Morales, seconded by Vento. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s):	District 11 (Vento), District 12 (Cederberg), District 13 (Lee)
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy; RF 1-7 – Transitway Advancement Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Leslie Kandaras, Acting General Manager, 612-349-7513 Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager, 612-349-7507 Alicia Vap, Gold Line Project Director, 612-349-7079 Steve Barrett, Gold Line Construction Manager, 651-602-1993
Division/Department:	Metro Transit Capital Programs – METRO Gold Line Project Office

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Background

The Gold Line BRT Project (“Project”) is a 10-mile transitway in Ramsey and Washington Counties in the eastern Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The line will travel between downtown Saint Paul and Woodbury, serving the cities of Saint Paul, Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale, and Woodbury. The Council executed a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) with the FTA on April 4, 2023, and has now received all federal and local funding for the \$505 million Project. The Project scope includes a 520 stall structured park-and-ride in the city of Woodbury, the Woodlane Park-and-Ride.

An Invitation for Bids for the Woodlane Park-and-Ride was advertised on February 28, 2023. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff on March 15, 2023, that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were sixty-two plan holders, which included twelve prime bidders, four consultants, fourteen suppliers, twenty-seven subcontractors, and two plan rooms. Twenty-six plan holders identified as women, minority, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. Council staff facilitated a bid opening on April 12, 2023, and three bids were received. Bids ranged from \$18,312,000 to \$29,254,490, and Donlar Construction submitted the low, responsive, and responsible bid and is recommended for award.

Rationale

The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$10,000,000 requires 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

Funding for this contract is available and authorized in Project 61402. This work is included in the Council's authorized capital budget and the Project budget.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 16% for this solicitation. OEEO determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the DBE requirements of this contract.





METRO Gold Line BRT

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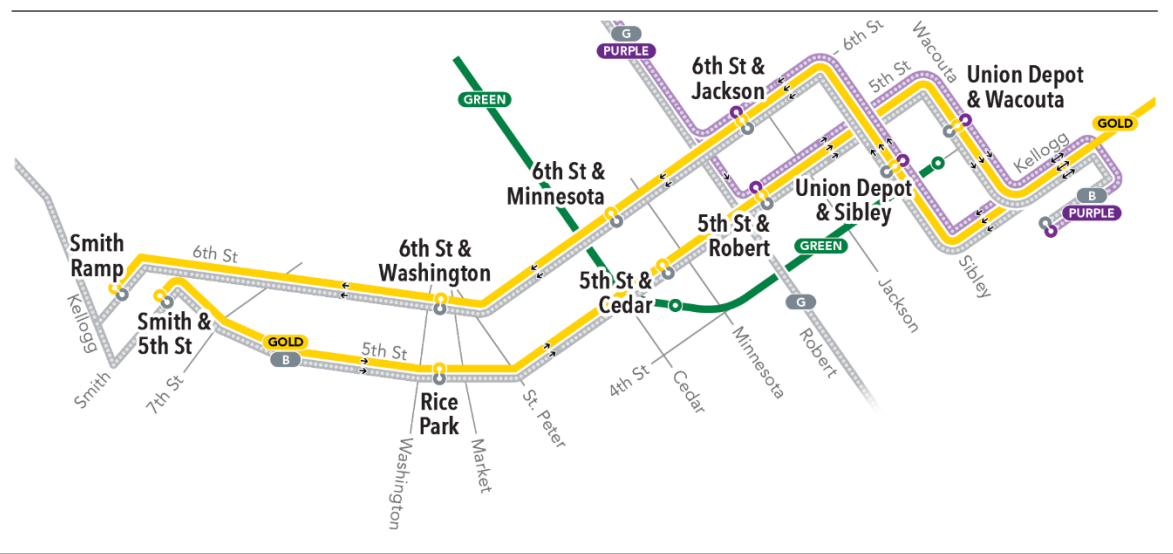
Steve Barrett (he/him) – Construction Manager

Gold Line Overview:

- Frequent, all-day service operating primarily in bus-only lanes
- Budget: \$505.3 million
- 10-miles & 16 new stations
- 17 BRT-branded 60' buses (12 diesel, 5 electric)
- BRT upgrades to existing East Metro Garage in St. Paul
- 3 surface park-and-rides and 1 parking structure
- 8 grade-separated BRT crossings



Downtown St. Paul



	METRO Gold Line (Bus Rapid Transit)
	Park & Ride Lot
Current METRO lines	
	Green Line (Light Rail)
Planned METRO lines	
	Purple Line (Bus Rapid Transit)
	B, G & H lines (Bus Rapid Transit)

Gold Line BRT – Woodlane Park-and-Ride



- New 3-level structured parking, 520 parking spaces, bus operator facilities, facility storage
- Designed to meet Minnesota Sustainable Building Guidelines (B3)

Action: BI 2023-95 SW: Authority to Execute the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Woodlane Park-and-Ride contract

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