

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: July 24, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: July 26, 2023

Business Item: 2023-161 SW

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Deputy GM – Capital Programs Nick Thompson presented this item. Cameron asked why initial limit was set so low in the first contract. Thompson responded that the original contract was more for the Council, so MnDOT could do work on our behalf whereas this amendment we are adding MnDOT work to our project. Thompson added that originally there wasn't expected to be as much MnDOT work (like a design contract).

Motion by Chamblis, seconded by Vento. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes, Section 473.399; MN Statutes, Section 174.02, subd. 6; FM 15-1 Income/Grants Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Lesley Kandaras, Interim General Manager, 612-349-7513 Nick Thompson, Interim Executive Director, 651-602-1754 Jim Alexander, Project Director, 612-373-3880 Joan Hollick, Deputy Project Director, 612-373-3820
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Green Line Extension Project Office

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Background

MnDOT developed a Master Partnership Contract with other governmental agencies for sharing facilities, equipment, staff, and other transportation-related services to promote efficiencies in providing governmental services. The Master Partnership Contract with Metro Transit permits the parties to issue work orders in support of Metro Transit capital projects and Engineering & Facilities activities.

The parties executed an original Master Partnership Contract in 2019 which expired and was reissued in 2022. The Master Partnership Contract set a limit on the amount of total compensation to be paid by MnDOT to the Council in the amount of \$5,000. Pursuant to Council Business Item 2023-132, part of the F Line project, the Council will provide MnDOT preliminary design services for improvements to Trunk Highway 65 in the amount of approximately \$2,400,000. Completing the Trunk Highway 65 preliminary design work under the F Line design contract (22P400) benefits both Metro Transit and MnDOT by streamlining resolution of design issues within the F Line corridor, allowing for the concurrent design of complementary roadway and BRT improvements.

MnDOT would like to increase the cumulative limit of the total compensation to be paid by MnDOT to the Council from \$5,000 to \$5 million. The total compensation to be paid by the Council to MnDOT under each Work Order issued pursuant to the MPC will not exceed the maximum amount identified in each specific Work Order contract.

Rationale

The amendment increases the total maximum compensation to be paid by MnDOT to the Council which will allow MnDOT to utilize more Council services and streamline processes. Council Policy requires that execution of income contracts exceeding \$500,000 be approved by Council.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The proposed action advances the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by planning for transitway corridor improvements efficiently with regional partnership from MnDOT.

Funding

The funding source for each work order will be assigned as work orders are developed with the intention that each capital project budget will pay for services provided by MnDOT or that MnDOT will provide payment for services provided by the Council. The Project Manager will seek authority to enter the work order based on Council procurement policies and delegation of authority procedures.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no direct impacts to small business inclusion associated with the action. The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity will review future work orders under this Master Contract for small business inclusion goals.

