

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: December 13, 2023

Business Item: 2023-245

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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

This item was on the Consent list.

Motion by Morales, seconded by Chamblis. Motion carried to approve all Consent items.



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District(s), Member(s):	District 3 (Carter) District 6 (Lilligren), District 8 (Cameron)
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Lesley Kandaras, General Manager, 612-349-7513 Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager, 612-349-7507 Jim Alexander, Project Director, 612-373-3880 Joan Hollick, Deputy Project Director, 612-373-3820
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Green Line Extension Project

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Background

In December 2014, after a competitive solicitation process, the Metropolitan Council and AECOM executed contract 14P125 in the amount of \$117,654,545.00 for architectural and engineering services for final design and design support during the construction of the METRO Green Line Extension Project through December 2020.

The contract has subsequently been amended to add related services and increase the contract amount as follows:

- Amendment No. 7 added \$2 million in April 2018
- Amendment No. 8 added \$20.6 million in December 2019
- Amendment No. 12 added \$10.6 million in March 2022
- Amendment No. 14 added \$9.8 million In February 2023

Due to the extended duration of Project construction, Amendment No. 15 to the contract is requested in the amount of \$9.1 million, bringing the contract total to \$169,738,482. The amendment will extend the contract expiration date of December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2024. Staff will assess Project needs regarding this contract beyond 2024 as the 2024 construction season concludes.

Rationale

Cumulative amendments of a professional services contract exceeding 10% of the original authorized contract value require 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 with choices and more mobility.

Funding

This is a METRO Green Line Extension Project (61001) eligible cost. Funds are available in Project No. 61001 budget and included in the Council's authorized capital budget. **The Council's approval is contingent on approval by the Executive Change Control Board** which is expected to vote on this action on December 8, 2023.

Small Business Inclusion

The DBE goal established for this contract is 19%. As of work completed through September 30, 2023, AECOM is achieving 20.28% DBE participation. OEEO will continue to monitor AECOM's progress and commitment to ensure that the DBE requirements are met through the life of the contract.

