

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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### Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Green Line Extension Project Director Jim Alexander presented this item.

Motion by Morales, seconded by Vento. Motion carried. Hearing no objection, Chair Barber stated the item could proceed consent to Council.



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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 3 (Carter), District 6 (Lilligren), District 7 (Osman), District 8 (Cameron)
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Lesley Kandaras, General Manager, 612-349-7513 Nick Thompson, Deputy GM Capital Programs, 651-602-1754 Jim Alexander, Project Director, 612-373-3880 Nic Dial, Director of Construction, 612-373-2974
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit / METRO Green Line Extension Project

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### Background

In December 2014, following a competitive solicitation process, the Council and AECOM executed contract 14P125 in the amount of \$117,654,545 for architectural and engineering services for final design and design support during the construction of the METRO Green Line Extension Project through December 2020 (BI 2014-296SW).

The contract has subsequently been amended to add related services due to Project requirements and increased the contract amount as follows:

- Amendment No. 7 added \$2 million in April 2018
- Amendment No. 8 added \$20.6 million in December 2019 (BI 2019-182)
- Amendment No. 12 added \$10.6 million in March 2022 (BI 2022-58)
- Amendment No. 14 added \$9.8 million in February 2023 (BI 2023-6)
- Amendment No. 15 added \$9.1 million in December 2023 (BI 2023-245)

Amendment No. 16 is required to continue architectural and engineering services through the completion of construction. This amendment will extend the contract term to December 31, 2027.

### Rationale

Council Policy requires amendments exceeding 10% of the original authorized contract value be

approved by the Council for services contract if the cumulative value exceeds \$500,000. Amendments to contracts of this value that exceed 10% of the original value constitute sole source procurements requiring 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 \$3.1 billion of investment within a half-mile of the line. Another \$738 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**

The cost for this amendment is a METRO Green Line Extension Project (61001) eligible cost. Funds are available in the Project budget and included in the Council's authorized capital budget.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a 19% DBE goal for this contract. As of September 30, 2024, the DBE achievement is 20.5%. OEEO will continue to monitor this contract and ensure compliance with Federal DBE program requirements.

