

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: March 11, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: March 27, 2024

Business Item: 2024-45

METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Contract Amendment No. 3 to Contract 22P031 with HNTB

Proposed Action

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Summary of Discussion and Questions

Metro Transit Purple Line Project Director Craig Lamothe provided a brief update of the current project schedule and Purple Line Contracts Lead Edwin Awason presented this item.

Dolkar asked if HNTB worked on any other Council projects outside of the purple line project and staff shared that HNTB has worked on several Council projects including the Orange Line and Gold Line projects. Staff provided clarity to Dolkar on a concern about the DBE/MCUB goal set on this contract, confirming that the inclusion goal will still be maintained for the Sole Source.

Vento commended the Purple BRT Project Director and the entire project team for the exceptional work and resilience on the Purple Line project despite the numerous challenges.

It was moved by Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales. **Motion carried.**



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District(s), Member(s):	District 10 (Lindstrom) District 11 (Cederberg), District 13 (Lee), District 14 (Carter)
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 Craig Lamothe, Purple Line Project Director, 612-602-1978 Edwin Awason, Purple Line Contracts Lead, 612-349-7562
Division/Department:	Metro Transit - METRO Projects / Guideway BRT – METRO Purple Line

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Background

The Council executed Contract 22P031 (“contract”) on August 12, 2022, in the amount of \$3,646,800.43 for Environmental and Peer Review Services for the Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (“Project”). The Council executed Amendment 1 to the contract on July 21, 2023 increasing the contract value by \$364,397.75. The Council executed Amendment 2 to the contract on November 5, 2023, a no-cost amendment to resume four tasks suspended under amendment 1. Amendment 3 will increase the contract total by \$3,261,196.75 for a total contract value of \$7,272,394.93.

The Project is currently in Phase 2 of a Route Modification Study (RMS Phase 2) to evaluate an alternative alignment for the Project along Maryland and White Bear Avenue in Saint Paul and Maplewood. In Spring 2024 the Purple Line Corridor Management Committee (CMC) will select a single preferred design concept for this alternative alignment. Amendment 3 is primarily needed to add funding and scope for environmental services for HNTB to compare the alternative alignment along Maryland and White Bear Avenue to the Project’s current alignment along the Bruce Vento Trail Corridor.

The Council’s Procurement Department Sole Source Team reviewed and recommended approval of the sole source request for Amendment 3 on October 31, 2023.

Rationale

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

value be approved by the Council if the original value exceeds \$500,000.

Amendments to contracts of this value that exceed 10% of the original contract value constitute sole source procurements requiring 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 Purple Line 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

Funds for this contract amendment are an eligible cost and are included in the Purple Line Project budget and the Council's authorized capital budget under Project #61109.

Small Business Inclusion

The total DBE achievement for Contract 22P031 is 16.98%, as of February 2024, exceeding the DBE contract goal of 10.3% as established by the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO). OEEO will continue to monitor the project to ensure the DBE requirements are met, inclusive of all amendments.

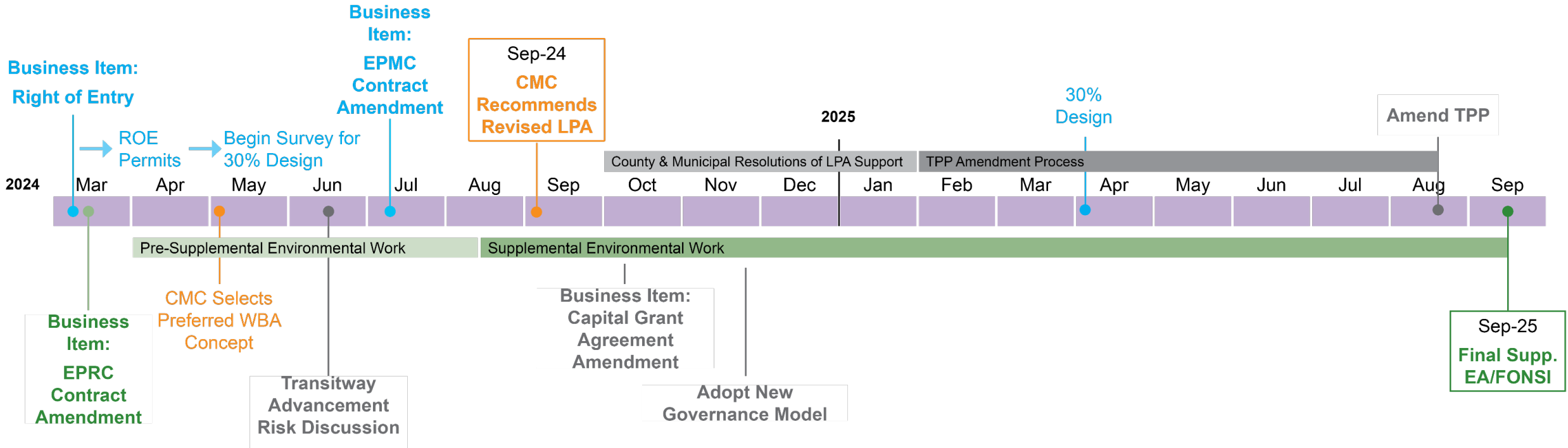




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Purple Line Timeline (2024-2025)



KEY:
 Environmental Activities
 Design Activities
 RMS Phase II Activities
 Council Activities

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Sole Source Justification Rationale

- Continuation of existing environmental work occurring under the Contract
- Consistent with environmental services in the current Contract
- HNTB well-positioned for this additional environmental work
- Not typical project milestone for hiring new environmental consultant
- Hiring new consultant team would add significant cost and time
- Delay resulting from procurement of new contract adds risk