

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee meeting date: April 14, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: April 23, 2025

Business Item: 2025-100

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Summary of Transportation Committee discussion/questions

Jim Alexander, METRO Transit Green Line Extension Project Director, presented the item. There were no questions or comments from Council members.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Osman. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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District(s), Member(s):	District 3 (Carter), District 6 (Lilligren), District 7 (Osman), 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 Nic Dial, Deputy Project Director, 612-373-3974
Division/Department:	Metro Transit/METRO Green Line Extension Project Office

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Background

In May 2019, the Metropolitan Council (Council) and Rail-Term executed Contract 18P402 in the amount of \$458,000 for freight rail dispatching services on the Bass Lake Spur Corridor to support the Council during construction of the METRO Green Line Extension through June 2024.

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

- Amendment No. 1 added \$9,934 to include field recording hardware and remote access.
- Amendment No. 3 added \$2,056.32 to support costs associated with a junction name change in the corridor and associated IT work
- Amendment No. 4 added \$94,732 for continuing services and extended the contract term through June 30, 2025 (BI 2024-103).

Amendment No. 6 is required to continue freight rail dispatch services through June 2027.

Rationale

Council Policy requires amendments exceeding 10% of the original authorized contract value be approved by the Council if the cumulative value exceeds \$500,000. Amendments to contracts that exceed 10% of the original value constitute sole source procurements requiring Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The Council adopted Imagine 2050 on February 12, 2025, which builds on policy direction in 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 access 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 of 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 (No. 61001) budget and included in the Council's authorized capital budget.

Small Business Inclusion

This amendment is being procured through the sole source process. The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) does not review sole source amendments for small business sub-contracting opportunities.

