

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee meeting date: April 14, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: April 23, 2025

Business Item: 2025-71

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Proposed action

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Summary of Transportation Committee discussion/questions

Jim Alexander, Project Director, presented the item. Council members had questions about the contract. CM Cameron asked if there is an ongoing contract with Wabtec for service operations following the completion of the Green Line Extension or is it only for the installation? Alexander said Wabtec is our communications system provider and they will continue to support operations. Jody Jacoby, Chief Procurement Officer, confirmed that we have a single contract Council-wide that supports the ongoing operations with Wabtec, which includes the various business units.

Chair Barber asked if this changes the project budget amount for the Green Line Extension. Alexander responded that the cost of this amendment is within the \$2.86 billion project budget.

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 Kandasas, General Manager, 612-349-7513 Nick Thompson, Deputy GM Capital Programs, 612-349-7507 Jim Alexander, Project Director, 612-373-3880 Nic Dial, Deputy Project Director, 612-373-2974
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Green Line Extension Project Office

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Background

In December 2019, the Council and ARINC Incorporated (aka Wabtec Transportation Systems, LLC) executed sole source Contract 17P085 in the amount of \$15,303,023 for a communications system for the METRO Green Line Extension Project through April 14, 2024.

The communications system includes Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) that provides communication between the LRT system components and Metro Transit's Rail Control Center.

The communications system work, which follows Civil and Systems construction, requires an extension due to delays in the Civil construction.

The contract was previously amended as follows:

- Amendment No. 1 deducted \$16,532 and addressed programming additions and network hardware deductions.
- Amendment No. 2 added \$333,937, which was required to address initial costs for extended management time due to the delay. Amendment No. 2 extended the contract to February 7, 2028, but did not account for all costs associated with the time extension.

Amendment No. 3 is required to address remaining cost impacts due to the delay including escalated costs for delayed work and extended project management time.

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 budget and included in the Council's authorized capital budget.

Small Business Inclusion

The original procurement was a sole source procurement. The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity does not establish small business goals on sole source procurements.

