

# Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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**For the Metropolitan Council:** August 13, 2025

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On-Call Track Maintenance, Contract 25P060

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### Summary of Transportation Committee discussion/questions

Metro Transit Track Manager Tony Klinger presented this item. Johnson asked if staff reach out to firms who didn't submit bids to understand why they didn't. Metropolitan Council Contracts and Procurement Assistant Director Rob Carey explained the procurement process that happens when there is only a single bid/proposal received and that with this procurement the evaluation panel did not determine there was anything restrictive, meaning that if a new solicitation was sent out it wouldn't yield a different response.

Motion by Obisakin, seconded by Carter, Tyronne. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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<b>District(s), member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/legal reference:</b>	FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
<b>Staff prepared/presented:</b>	Anthony Klinger, Track Manager, 612-341-5681
<b>Division/department:</b>	Metro Transit / Rail Systems Maintenance

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### Background

Metro Transit Rail System Maintenance requires on-call and preventative track maintenance for track failures and emergency repair service needs. This five year on-call rail maintenance contract obtains the most economic use of labor, materials, and equipment that is required to provide a safe, efficient, and competitive mass transit service.

An Invitation for Bids was advertised on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were six registered plan holders, four prime bidders, one subcontractor, one plan room, and one plan holder identified as a disadvantaged business enterprise.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on May 29, 2025 and received one bid. Staff did not find any indication that the Council's specifications were restrictive and determined there was adequate competition for this project. The one bid received was \$627,746. Railworks Track Systems, Inc., is the low, responsive, and responsible bidder and is recommended for the award.

### Rationale

The execution of non-construction services contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

### Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the outcomes of Livability, Prosperity and Equity by providing improvements and repairs to light rail tracks continuing to serve residents who depend on public transit.

### Funding

Project funds are available through local funding.

### **Small business inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEEO) thoroughly reviewed this procurement for Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) opportunities in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations as well as contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OEEEO's research and analysis, no MCUB goal was set.

