

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: August 13, 2012
Metropolitan Council Meeting: August 22, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	July 12, 2012
Subject:	Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Fourth Street Areaway and Sidewalk Reconstruction Contract
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes 473.3999 and 473.405
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Mark Fuhrmann, Deputy General Manager, 651-602-1942 Rich Rovang, CCLRT Project Director, 651-602-1941
Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Central Corridor Project Office

Proposed Action

Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Cy-Con Inc., for the 4th Street Areaway and Sidewalk Reconstruction at a cost of \$367,000.

Background

The Areaway and Sidewalk Reconstruction contract work is located on the north side of 4th Street between Minnesota and Robert in downtown St. Paul. The contract includes the removal of existing sidewalk, removal of specific portions of the First National Bank building areaway structural roof and support members, support of existing utilities within the areaway, placement of new areaway roof support members, replacement of removed areaway roof, sidewalk and pedestrian ramps. This work will require coordination with First National Bank Building property management representatives, Xcel Energy, and Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Civil East and Systems contracts.

Four (4) bids were received and opened publicly on July 12, 2012 and ranged in value from \$367,000 to \$442,300. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$325,590. The lowest bid of \$367,000 was 12.7% above the engineer's estimate thus necessitating Council action of this contract award. After a review of the bids and comparison with the engineer's estimate, staff concluded that the Cy-Con Inc. bid is fair and reasonable. This conclusion is based on the competitiveness and closeness of the four (4) bids (within 17% of each other) and recent increases in commodity prices.

Rationale

Areaway and sidewalk work were included in the Advanced Utility Relocation (AUR) contract in the fall of 2010. During construction, the AUR Contractor and CCLRT Project staff recognized the areaway roof for the First National Bank building was higher than indicated on the plans along 4th Street from Minnesota Street to Robert Street. CCLRT Project staff recognized that to meet ADA required sidewalk slopes and pedestrian ramps the areaway roof needed to be lowered at the 4th and Minnesota and 4th and Robert intersections. In conversations, the AUR contractor indicated the cost to complete this work may approach \$750,000. Due to the construction season nearing completion, and potentially high cost of this work, CCLRT Project staff directed the AUR contractor to place a temporary sidewalk and opted to pursue this work under a separate contract.

Funding

Funding is available in the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.