

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 8, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 24, 2013

Subject: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (Green Line): Authorization to Approve Contract Amendment for Environmental Testing and Monitoring during Construction, and for Subsequent Regulatory Reporting

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Procurement of Professional Services

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to:

Execute an amendment to the professional services contract with Braun Intertec for environmental testing and monitoring during construction, and for subsequent regulatory reporting, as part of the Central Corridor LRT (Green Line) project in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for a total amended contract value of \$1,074,229.26.

Background

On June 23, 2010, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with Braun Intertec for environmental testing and monitoring during construction of the Central Corridor LRT (Green Line) in an amount not to exceed \$800,000. On August 4, 2010, the Council entered into a contract with Braun Intertec in the amount of \$799,229.26 for this work. During the 2011 construction season, a large amount of unanticipated abandoned utility conduit was discovered on University Avenue to be asbestos containing. Contract amendment 01 for \$250,000 was subsequently authorized by the Council to address the increased scope of the project. Once a contract exceeds the original amount by greater than 10%, all subsequent amendments require Council approval. To address unforeseen conditions resulting in an overrun, an additional \$25,000 will be required.

Rationale

The contract as amended provides for additional field staff time and laboratory testing costs to address unforeseen conditions that were encountered during the 2012 construction season and that are reasonably expected to be encountered during the 2013 construction season. These unforeseen conditions included greater areas and quantities of contaminated soil and groundwater underneath University Avenue, and associated project management and regulatory reporting efforts.

Funding

Funding for this action is available in the Central Corridor LRT (Green Line) project contingency.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.