

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 25, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 27, 2013

Subject: Authorization to reject all bids for the construction of the Highway 610 & Noble Parkway Park and Ride Project 62115.

District(s), Member(s): District 2, Lona Schreiber

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Procurement of Goods and Services Over \$250,000

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to reject all bids for the construction of the Highway 610 and Noble Parkway Park and Ride project in Brooklyn Park.

Background

This project is to construct a new 1000 space park and ride facility to replace an existing 511 space park and ride facility located at the Highway 610 and Noble Parkway interchange in Brooklyn Park. Customer demand is strong at the facility with utilization rates exceeding 90% since 2006 and a demand of 1,000 spaces is anticipated based on population and employment growth. This demand could reach 1,500 spaces without other transit improvements and the design has been developed to accommodate that expansion if necessary. In 2011 Council acquired a 9.22 acre property at 4410 95th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park for the purpose of constructing a new 1000 space park and ride facility to meet the current and future demand. Design of the facility was completed in 2012.

Seven bids were received and opened publicly on January 4, 2013 ranging in value from \$7,997,075 to \$10,004,075. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$10,146,274. A 15.5% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to the project. The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) has determined that the three lowest bids failed to meet the DBE goal and failed to provide sufficient evidence of good faith efforts in an attempt to meet the goal. As the remaining bids were significantly higher than the low and second low bids, the recommendation is to reject all bids and rebid the construction project.

Rationale

The rejection of a construction contract in excess of \$1,000,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding for this project is authorized and available under project 62115.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Brooklyn Park has expressed support for construction of this project. There is no known opposition.