

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 25, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 10, 2014

Subject: Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) – Authorize Execution of Peer Review Consultant Services Contract

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Procurement of Professional Services

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a professional services contract with HNTB for Peer Review Consultant services for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) Project in an amount not to exceed \$3,006,044.

Background

On July 25, 2012 under business item 2012-234, the Council directed SPO to procure an independent peer review consultant. Independent review of engineering plans, especially in light of recent, local public infrastructure failures, increases confidence in the safety and effectiveness of a complex, public project like SWLRT.

Due to SWLRT Project scope and budget changes after advertisement of the original procurement, at its November 13, 2013 meeting, the Council approved cancelation and re-procurement of PRC services for the SWLRT Project under business item 2013-293. A request for proposals for this re-procurement was issued on April 24, 2014, shortly after Council approval of the SWLRT Project scope and budget on April 9, 2014.

The PRC will provide review of the SWLRT Project design at 30%, 60%, and 90% design milestones and up to ten spot reviews as needed, defined and authorized by work order. Review will focus on the design of bridges, tunnels, other structures, and disciplines that impact or are influenced by structures.

Two firms responded to the Council's request for proposals. An evaluation panel representing project partners evaluated the proposals and ranked the HNTB proposal as the most advantageous for the Council. HNTB proposes to meet or exceed the DBE participation goal of 17%.

Rationale

The execution of a professional services contract in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding is available within the SWLRT Project's overall budget.

Known Support / Opposition

Project partners participated in the evaluation and ranked the HNTB proposal as the most advantageous of the Council. No known opposition.