

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 22, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 14, 2015

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| Subject: | Professional Services Contract with SEH for Red Line Cedar Grove Transit Station |
| District(s), Member(s): | District 5-Steve Elkins, District 15-Steven T. Chávez, District 16-Wendy Wulff |
| Policy/Legal Reference: | Council Policy 3-3 and Minnesota State Statutes 473.129 |
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| Division/Department: | Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities |

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a professional services contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) Inc. for design and construction support services for a median transit station and skyway at a contract amount of \$885,553.16.

Background

On February 12, 2014, the Council adopted Concept "G" (Business Item 2014-31), which is a center median station with an enclosed walkway connecting to the existing Cedar Grove Transit Station. Dakota County staff and Metropolitan Council staff also recommended that Metro Transit serve as the lead agency for the station design and construction.

Subsequently, On March 26, 2014, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an interagency agreement with the Dakota County Regional Rail Authority (DCRRA) providing funding for the Red Line Cedar Grove Transit Station (Business Item 2014-53).

On September 15, 2014, a request for proposals (RFP) was issued seeking proposals for design and construction support services. Five firms responded to the Council's RFP. An evaluation panel ranked the proposals in accordance with Council procedures for projects funded with local dollars. The evaluation panel is recommending award to SEH, Inc. for the professional services, as being most advantageous to the Council, at a cost of \$885,553.16 for the Cedar Grove Transit Station. SEH's proposal is within 10% of the \$979,675 Independent Cost Estimate.

Rationale

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

Funding

Business Item 2014-53 authorized an agreement with DCRRA that provided \$1,500,000 of DCRRA, CTIB, and State Bond funds to the Council for preliminary engineering, environmental documentation and final design. On November 19, 2014, the Counties Transit Improvement Board approved an additional \$9,705,812, for the project. During the 2014 legislative session, Council obtained an appropriation of \$1,000,000 of State Bond proceeds. Also, Dakota Count Regional Rail Authority has committed an additional \$794,188 to the project.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition. This action is supported by MnDOT, DCRRA, and MVTA.

