Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 8, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 10, 2014

Subject: Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) - Award Advanced Design Consultant Services Contract (14P125)

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Procurement of Professional Services

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Green Line Extension Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an engineering services contract with AECOM for Advanced Design Consultant (ADC) Services for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (METRO Green Line Extension) Project in an amount not to exceed \$117,654,545.

Background

The ADC will provide engineering services for the Southwest LRT, which includes advancing the design from 30% through 100% and providing design support during construction.

One team responded to the Council's request for proposals. An evaluation panel representing project partners evaluated the proposal and determined the AECOM proposal to be advantageous to the Council.

Rationale

In December 2012, the Council entered into engineering services contracts to advance the design to 30% completion. The 30% design plans were completed in September 2014. The ADC contract is needed to advance the Southwest LRT design.

Funding

Funding in the amount of \$705 million has been committed for the Southwest LRT Project.

- \$496 million in Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) funds
- \$165 million in Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) funds
- \$44 million in state of Minnesota funds

The Council will enter grant agreements with CTIB on an annual basis and HCRRA on a project phase basis.

Known Support / Opposition

Project partners participated in the evaluation and ranked the AECOM proposal as advantageous to the Council. No known opposition.

