

**Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: June 8, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 10, 2015

<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to award and execute a construction for A Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 8 (Letofsky); District 10 (McCarthy); District 14 (Commers)
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Procurement of Goods and Services
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit / BRT/Small Starts Project Office

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Global Specialty Contractors, Inc., for the construction of the A Line BRT and arterial BRT Pilot Station at a cost of \$11,492,841.

**Background**

The A Line project will construct 38 BRT station platforms along Snelling Avenue, Ford Parkway, and 46th Street in Roseville, Falcon Heights, St. Paul, and Minneapolis, as well as two Pilot Station platforms at 7th Street & Olson Highway in Minneapolis. Construction will include coordination with other ongoing roadway projects at 12 of these sites.

On May 12, 2015, two bids were received and opened publicly, in the amounts of \$11,942,841 and \$12,369,000. The engineer’s estimate for the work was \$8,222,655. The low responsive bid, from Global Specialty Contractors, Inc., exceeds the engineer’s estimate by 45 percent. A 15 percent disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to the project. The Office of Equal Opportunity has reviewed the bids for DBE participation and good faith efforts and the low responsive bidder passed the DBE review.

**Rationale**

The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$2,500,000 requires Council approval.

**Funding**

Project funding is authorized and available in project 61217 (A Line) and project 63114 (Pilot Station). A combination of federal (FTA, CMAQ), local (RTC), and state (Chapter 152, GO bonds, and appropriation) sources will be used to fund the project.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to this project.

