

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 11, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 27, 2016

**Subject:** METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit (BLRT) Extension Project – Authorize negotiation and execution of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Consultant Contract Award with SEH, Inc.

District(s), Member(s): All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Procurement of Professional Services, MN Statutes, Section 473.399

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with SEH for the completion of the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) for the Blue Line LRT (BLRT) Extension Project through December 31, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.

### Background

A Phase I ESA for the BLRT Extension project was completed in October 2015. The purpose of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment is to complete a more thorough investigation, including drilling and soil sampling to identify the presence, magnitude and extent of contaminated soil and/or groundwater and regulated waste that may be encountered during construction activities in the project corridor. This effort will also include the development of Response Action Plans (RAPs) for proper management of contaminated materials encountered during construction. The information obtained from this drilling investigation will be used by the Blue Line Project Office as part of required coordination activities with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Five firms submitted qualified bids to the Council's request for proposals. An evaluation panel representing staff from the Council, MnDOT, and Hennepin County evaluated the proposals and ranked the SEH proposal as the most advantageous for the Council. The SEH team has extensive experience in large corridor assessments, studies, and investigations, as well as experience in the project area.

### Rationale

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

### Funding

Funding is available in the BLRT Extension Project's Project Development Budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.