**Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: July 11, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 13, 2016

| Subject: Authorization to execute contract 14P268 for C Line BRT Design and Construction Administration Services |
| District(s), Member(s): All |
| Policy/Legal Reference: Procurement for Professional Services |
| Staff Prepared/Presented: |
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**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a professional services contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of $3,798,485 for design, engineering and construction administration on the C Line rapid bus line and concurrent street intersection reconstruction along Penn Avenue in Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center.

**Background**

Metro Transit requires a design consultant to provide design services for C Line systems and station integration with several concurrent road projects; in addition this contract will provide design, engineering and construction administration for full intersection reconstruction along Penn Avenue surrounding and adjacent to planned C Line stations. Hennepin County will participate in funding this contract through a separate and previously authorized cooperative funding agreement.

A request for proposals (RFP) was issued on December 2, 2015 seeking proposals for design services. Three firms responded to the RFP. An evaluation panel representing Council staff and project partners evaluated the proposals and ranked them in accordance with established Council procedures for federally funded projects, recommending award to HDR Engineering, Inc.

Contract 14P268 will be structured in two phases in order to advance design using available funding. A Phase I Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP), with a not-to-exceed amount of $2,399,412, will be authorized concurrent with contract authorization. A future Phase II LNTP, with a not-to-exceed amount of $1,399,073 or up to the remaining total contract value less Phase I, will be authorized when additional funding becomes available for the construction phase of the project.

**Rationale**

Professional services contracts in excess of $500,000 require Council approval.

**Funding**

Funding for Phase I of this contract is available within project 61404.

**Known Support / Opposition**

Project partners participated in the evaluation and ranked the HDR proposal as the most advantageous for the Council. There is no known opposition.
C Line / Penn Avenue Design Coordination

General approach: One designer, coordinated delivery

Metro Transit focus

Hennepin County focus
Temporary Stations on Olson Memorial Highway

Final Station Plan
Updated April 5, 2016

Temporary C Line stations planned for Olson due to Blue Line Extension construction
Glenwood Avenue: Long-Term Alignment Study

1. Technical Feasibility Review
   - Completed in May
   - Review indicates C Line on Glenwood Avenue is feasible

2. Select long-term east-west alignment
   - June-July: Engage community around transit needs
   - June-Aug.: Prepare technical comparison study of Glenwood and Olson
   - Aug.-Sept.: Share results and gather community input

3. Develop plans for implementation (Timing, other bus service changes)
   - Coordination with Blue Line Extension
   - Coordination with Green Line Extension

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