

Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: March 28, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 13, 2016

Subject: Authorization for design services for the Blue Line Enhancement Project – Park and Warehouse Crossovers

District(s), Member(s): District 7, Gary L. Cunningham

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services

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Division/Department: Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute an engineering contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, INC. (KHA), for design and construction support services in the amount of \$1,981,667 for the upgrades to the Park Avenue and Warehouse crossovers.

Background

This project will replace existing embedded trackwork at the Park and Warehouse rail crossovers with new direct fixation trackwork, replacing the existing double crossovers at Warehouse and upgrading a single crossover at Park to a double crossover. The 13 year old crossovers have deteriorated to such an extent that total replacement is required. The proposed upgraded design has been used at the Interchange and on the Green Line and is expected to be operational for 30 years.

An RFP was issued on August 18, 2015 seeking proposals for design and construction support services. Two firms responded to the Council's RFP. An evaluation panel ranked the proposals in accordance with Council procedures for federally funded projects. The evaluation panel is recommending to award the engineering services contract to KHA for a cost of \$1,981,667. This cost compares favorably with staff's Independent Cost Estimate of \$2,036,000. Therefore, the evaluation panel views the KHA proposal as being the most advantageous to the Council. KHA passed an OEO review of its proposed DBE participation.

Rationale

The execution of an engineering contract in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

An initial limited Notice to Proceed for work on this contract will be issued based on available funding in Project 68405 and will not exceed \$1,400,000. A full Notice to Proceed will be issued upon available funding from a future budget amendment. Full funding is identified in the 2016 Capital Improvement Plan.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.