

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 28, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 13, 2016

<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for the Red Line Cedar Grove Transit Station
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 5-Steve Elkins; District 15-Steven T. Chávez; District 16-Wendy Wulff
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Procurement of construction contracts over \$2,500,000
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit Engineering & Facilities

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Sheehy Construction Company, for the construction of the Red Line Cedar Grove Transit Station in Eagan, MN, at a cost of \$ 13,141,300.25.

### Background

On January 10, 2012, the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority (DCRRA) authorized an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) to develop concepts to improve access to the Cedar Grove Transit Station, a stop on the METRO Red Line. Improving access will reduce travel times, which is important for the continued success of the METRO Red Line.

The DCRRA took action to adopt the METRO Red Line Cedar Grove Transit Station Access Improvement Concept, which is a center median station with an enclosed walkway connecting to the existing Cedar Grove Transit Station. On February 12, 2014, Council also adopted the access improvement concept. In those actions, Dakota County staff and Metropolitan Council staff also recommend that Metro Transit serve as the lead agency for the station design and construction.

On March 7, 2016, five (5) bids were received for the station construction and opened publicly. The bids ranged from \$13,141,300.25 to \$15,688,794.76. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$12,750,000. A 15% Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal was assigned to this project. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) has reviewed the three lowest responsive bids for MCUB participation and good faith efforts. Staff has determined that the low bids submitted by, Sheehy Construction Company are fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Council.

### **Rationale**

The project will advance BRT in the region, as well as increase transit ridership, reduce roadway congestion, and improve air quality by reducing vehicle emissions. Execution of a construction contract in excess of \$2,500,000 requires Council approval.

### **Funding**

The project will be funded with Counties Transportation Improvements Board (CTIB) funds, Dakota Regional Rail Authority (DCRRA) funds, MnDOT Chapter 152 funds, and State Bond funds. Funding for this contract is authorized and available under project 35993.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition. This action is supported by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Dakota Regional Rail Authority and Minnesota Valley Transit Authority.