

Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: November 14, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 30, 2016

Subject: Authorization to execute a Purchase Order for the Blue Line Enhancement Project – Special Track Work

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

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3

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Division/Department: Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Purchase Order with VoestalPine Nortrak, in the amount of \$975,902 for the special track work components for the Park Avenue and Warehouse crossovers.

Background

The Blue Line Enhancement – Park and Warehouse crossover project will replace existing embedded track work with new direct fixation track work, 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 is now been used at the Interchange and on the Green Line and is expected to be operational for 30 years.

This special track is being purchased prior to awarding the construction contract because of the long lead time for delivery in order to have it by the construction start.

Proposals were received on November 7, 2016. Two firms responded to the Council's IFB with a low and responsive bid from VoestalPine Nortrak for \$975,902. This cost compares favorably with staff's Independent Cost Estimate of \$1,500,000. Therefore, the low bid from VoestalPine Nortrak proposal is the most advantageous to the Council. A 0.0% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to this project because this is a specialty item with no opportunity for a DBE subcontractor.

Rationale

The execution of a Purchase Order in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Authorized funding is available in Project 68604.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.