

Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: October 24, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 26, 2016

Subject: Authorization of a Services Contract Amendment for the Blue Line Enhancement Project

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 contract amendment to contract 15P026 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, INC. (KHA), in the amount of \$519,980 for design and construction support services for the Park Avenue and Warehouse crossovers project.

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 is now being used at the Interchange and on the Green Line and is expected to be operational for 30 years.

On April 20, 2016, the Metropolitan Council issued a Notice to Proceed for Contract 15P026 in the amount of \$1,981,667. At that time, the work identified as the amendment, design for bi-directional signaling, was planned for a future phase with funding identified in 2019. Additional funding was identified and authorized in a recent budget amendment. By packaging the work together, the cost saving and operational benefits of designing and constructing the bi-directional signaling as part of the overall work can be realized.

The bi-directional signaling will allow the Rail Control Center to track trains in the downtown core, while improving flexibility and operational efficiency during special events, emergencies and maintenance activities.

Rationale

A Service Contract amendment over \$500,000 and in excess of 10% require Council authorization.

Funding

Authorized funding is available in Project 68405.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.