

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 14, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 23, 2017

Subject: Blue Line Extension LRT Project – Bassett Creek Construction Contract (17P124)

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Metropolitan Council Procedure 3-3

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with Minger Construction Co, Inc. in the amount of \$2,421,561.45 for the Bassett Creek Construction Contract (17P124).

Background

The Blue Line Extension LRT Project requires the relocation of the Bassett Creek Storm Sewer (BCSS) to a new location that eliminates a conflict with the Van White Boulevard station.

This Utility Relocation Project consists of two procurements: (1) Materials procurement of a custom-built box culvert (approved by the Council on 7/26/17, BI # 2017-151SW), and (2) Construction contract for relocating this storm sewer utility. It is important to complete this work during the fall of 2017 for three reasons:

- To reconnect this utility to the storm sewer line, work needs to occur when water flow is low;
- Completion of this utility relocation before the BLRT Project's major construction addresses critical path issues and simplifies TH 55 construction staging;
- BCSS is on MnDOT's structurally deficient list due to the structure's age and level of deterioration and is scheduled for repairs that must be completed by June 2018.

The Council solicited an invitation for bids for the construction contract on June 29, 2017. Seven bids were received on July 27, 2017, and ranged from \$2,421,561.45 to \$4,839,694. The lowest bid came from Minger Construction Co, Inc. in the amount of \$2,421,561.45. This independent cost estimate (ICE) for this work was \$2,223,200. Council's Procurement Department determined that the solicitation provided adequate competition, and that the bidder was responsive and responsible.

Due to the location of this work, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) requested the opportunity to cost participate in construction to place piping and manhole structures that can be used for sewer conveyance during maintenance activities, and to reline a deteriorating sanitary sewer. MCES will fund 100% of their portion of the work in the BCSS storm sewer contract, at a cost of \$669,240.

Rationale

The low bid is approximately 9% higher than the ICE. Based on the bid being within 10% of the ICE and that there were 7 bids received, staff have determined the bid is fair and reasonable. While there were 6 other bidders, Minger Construction Co, Inc. provided the most competitive bid for the work outlined in the Bassett Creek Construction Contract.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was 12%, which was applied to the bid. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Minger Construction Co, Inc., has met the goal based on participation.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The METRO BLRT Extension Project supports Thrive outcomes including livability, prosperity, and equity by providing new access to economic and personal opportunity through the project corridor.

Funding

Local funding for the BCSS work is available in capital project 61403 and has been approved by CTIB and HCRRA. Funding for the MCES work is available in capital project 807636.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.