

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 14, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 23, 2017

Subject: Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Award contract for Construction Management Support Services

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.3999; Metropolitan Council Procedure 3-3

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for Construction Management Support Services in an amount not to exceed \$8.5 million to Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc.

Background

The Council anticipates starting heavy construction of the Southwest LRT in 2018 and continuing through 2021. The Southwest Project Office has hired construction management staff to manage the three large construction contracts for Civil, Operations and Maintenance Facility and Systems and continues to fill construction staff positions. This contract will provide additional staff for roles that are hard-to-fill and that require technical expertise on unique aspects of the project. The initial notice to proceed will be for five full-time equivalent construction management positions. Other support service needs will be assigned via work orders or contract amendments.

Rationale

The Council received four proposals. An evaluation panel evaluated the proposals and ranked the Kimley Horn proposal as the most advantageous for the Council and provides the best value.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Construction of the Green Line Extension will increase the region's prosperity as it will provide access to 80,900 forecasted jobs and a new transportation option for 55,800 forecasted residents within ½ mile of the planned new stations in addition to the 145,300 forecasted jobs and 35,600 forecasted residents in downtown Minneapolis.

Funding

Funds for this contract are included in the project budget and are eligible project costs that will be funded 50% by the Federal Transit Administration and 50% by local funding partners.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.