

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 28, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 13, 2017

Subject: Heywood Garage Modernization design contract, Contract #17P031

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

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3, Procurement of Goods and Services

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with LHB, Inc. for design and construction support services for the Heywood Garage Modernization for a cost of \$973,136.69.

Background

The purpose of the project is to renovate and expand the existing Heywood bus operation and maintenance garage, which will modernize the facility based on the additional buses, staff, and changes in bus fleet mix since the garage was constructed in 1984. Existing facilities in this garage have exceeded their useful life span and are no longer adequate to meet Metro Transit's operational needs.

The garage will be renovated in such a way that there will be enough space to accommodate the current fleet mix of standard, coach, hybrid and the articulated buses. This project will replace lifts, modify inspection pits and renovate the shop areas in the maintenance area of the Garage. This investment will improve maintenance operations by providing more efficient systems and increased capacity for maintenance. The proposed expansion on the west side of the building will allow Metro Transit to enlarge the spaces designated for bus operations, training, the operator's check-in area, and other back of house functions. This renovation and expansion will result in Metro Transit being able to better accommodate the addition of employees since originally designed, aligns with the location of the new bus garage, fits in with parking changes, and is identified in the campus master plan.

Six proposals were reviewed by the Evaluation Team, the proposal from LHB, Inc. was determined to be most qualified and in the best interest of the council and has passed an OEO review of its proposed DBE participation in the contract.

Rationale

The execution of A/E design and construction services contracts in excess of \$500,000 requires Council Approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes **Stewardship** through needed rehabilitation and replacement of existing bus system support facility assets.

Funding

Project funding is authorized and available within project 63500.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.