

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 13, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 21, 2017

Subject: Railworks Track Systems, Inc. Construction Contract 16P310

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 award and execute a construction contract with Railworks Track Systems, Inc. for construction in the amount of \$11,817,000 for the upgrades to the Park Avenue and Warehouse crossovers and replace the embedded rail at the intersections of Park Ave., Nicollet Ave. and Hennepin Ave.

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 being used at the Interchange and on the Green Line and is expected to be operational for 30 years. The embedded curved track at the intersections of Park, Nicollet and Hennepin Ave have worn down to the point that they need to be replaced by 2018. The replacement rail is being added to the Blue Line Enhancement project to reduce disruptions to Rail Operations.

An IFB was issued on December 17, 2017 seeking bids for construction. On February 1, 2017, two (2) bids were received and opened publicly. Railworks Track Systems, Inc. provided the low bid of \$11,817,000. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) has reviewed and approved the two bids for DBE participation and good faith efforts. Staff has determined that the low bid submitted by Railworks Track Systems, Inc. is fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Council.

Rationale

The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$2,500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *stewardship* by providing for needed rehabilitation and replacement of existing rail assets.

Funding

Authorized funding is available to award this contract. Additional project funds identified in the 2017 CIP will be included in a future budget amendment.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.