

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 24, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 26, 2017

Subject: Blue Line Extension LRT Project – Bassett Creek Tunnel Box Culvert Contract (17P108)

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 Max Steininger, Inc. in the amount of \$550,000 for the Bassett Creek Tunnel Box Culvert (17P108).

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, 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 material procurement on June 12, 2017. A single bid was received on July 13, 2017 from Max Steininger, Inc. for \$550,000. The independent cost estimate (ICE) was \$399,600. Council's Procurement Department determined that the solicitation provided adequate competition, and that the bidder was responsive and responsible.

Rationale

The single bid amount is 38% above the ICE. Staff have determined the bid is fair and reasonable. While there were four potential suppliers on the bidders list, only one supplier provided a quote to the bidder, Max Steininger, Inc. The other suppliers stated they did not provide quotes because they are too busy to perform the work or they are not able to meet the terms and conditions. The project does not believe they will receive lower bids by rebidding the work.

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 is available for this project from CTIB and HCRRA.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.