

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 13, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 29, 2017

Subject: Gold Line BRT Project Management/Environmental Contract

District(s), Member(s): District 11 (Rummel), District 12 (Melander), District 13, (Kramer)

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 negotiate and execute the Project Management and Environmental Services Consultant (PMC) consultant contract with HNTB Corporation for consultant services for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (Gold Line) in an amount not to exceed \$19,490,885.

Background

The Gold Line is a planned 9-mile transitway that would run generally along the north side of Interstate 94 in primarily an exclusive lane for buses within Ramsey and Washington Counties. The Council is the local project sponsor or lead agency for the Gold Line and has just requested entry into the Project Development phase of the Capital Investment Grant Program as a New Starts project in November 2017. Acceptance into the Program by the Federal Transit Administration is anticipated by the end of 2017 or early in 2018.

The Project Management and Environmental Services (PMC) Consultant will provide services including:

- Project Management Services
- Environmental Services
- Project Controls
- Financial Management
- Public Outreach and Communications Support
- Safety and Security Expertise
- Project Development and Engineering Services, and
- Construction Phase Support

The HNTB proposal was reviewed by a multi-agency Evaluation Panel and was determined to be in the best interest of the Council and Project Funding Partners. The proposal has passed the OEO review for DBE participation with a 15.475% DBE commitment against a 15% goal.

Rationale

The execution of design and construction service contracts above \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The METRO Gold Line Project supports Thrive outcomes including livability, prosperity, and equity with its investment in high-quality transportation that will

make the region more economically competitive by supporting major job creators and increasing workers' access to employment hubs. The Gold Line will distribute transit resources throughout the region, benefitting regional residents and increasing the quality of transit service available. The Gold Line will serve communities that are home to more than 20% of the seven-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area's zero-car households where approximately 36,000 adults in the corridor communities live without a vehicle.

Funding

The GBRT's two-year Project Development phase is fully funded at \$25 million with funding commitments from CTIB, Washington County, Ramsey County/RCRRA, and the State of Minnesota. All funding commitments are currently reflected in the Council's Authorized Capital Budget in project 61402. This contract will have phased Notices to Proceed corresponding to available project funding and advancement through the FTA New Starts program.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.