

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 13, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 29, 2017

**Subject:** Contract for Fuel Supply for the Northstar Commuter Rail Service

**District(s), Member(s):** ALL

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Expenditure Policy

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit / Northstar Commuter Rail

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute contract 17P182 with Beaudry Oil & Propane to supply diesel fuel for the Northstar Commuter Rail Service in an amount not to exceed \$4,594,675.

### Background

Northstar Commuter Rail has operated train service since 2009 and the six Northstar locomotives require a continuous supply of diesel fuel. The current Northstar contract expires January 2, 2018. Approximately 475,000 of fuel will be required annually. Since the Northstar facility in Big Lake is not equipped with a fuel storage tank the supplier will deliver and dispense fuel directly from the transport truck into each Locomotive. It is expected that three weekly deliveries of approximately 5,000 gallons will be required.

The Council solicited sealed bids for a fuel supply contract for a two-year term with three one-year options to extend. Bids were solicited for a fixed per-gallon price, which, when added to the daily Oil Price Information Service price index, will be the Council's total per-gallon cost. This pricing structure is aligned with other diesel fuel contracts in place with the Council.

### Rationale

Four bids were received, ranging from \$4,535,300 to 4,701,550. Three of the four bids were rejected as non-responsive bids. The Procurement Department finds Beaudry Oil and Propane to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at \$4,594,675 for a five-year supply of diesel fuel.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Equity among bidders; fiduciary responsibility; and a transparent bidding process all fit within the Thrive Lens.

### Funding

Funding for fuel has been allocated in Northstar's operating budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.