

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 13, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 22, 2018

Subject: Heywood Garage Modernization Construction Contract (18P036A)

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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Division/Department: Metro Transit Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of a construction contract with Rochon for the amount of \$9,409,490.50 for the construction of the Heywood Garage Modernization project at the Heywood Bus Garage.

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.

An Invitation for Bids was issued on May 29th, 2018. On June 20, 2018, five (5) bids were received and opened publicly. Rochon provided the low responsive and responsible bid of \$9,409,490.50. The Office of Equal Opportunity evaluated Rochon's bid and determined that the DBE participation goals for the project have been met. Staff have determined that the low bid submitted by Rochon's is fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Council.

Rationale

The execution of a construction contract exceeding \$2,500,000 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.