

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: August 13, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 22, 2018

Subject: METRO Blue Line Extension – Bassett Creek Tunnel Realignment Additional Change Order Authority

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes, Section 473.399

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize an additional 2% (\$48,431) above the currently authorized construction contract change order authority of 10% (\$242,157) to a revised change order authority of \$290,588 for the Bassett Creek Tunnel Realignment (Bassett Creek) construction contract.

Background

Council Policy allows for 10% change order authority on construction contracts without further authorization by the Council. One significant change occurred during the completion of the Bassett Creek construction contract that depleted over 8% of the 10% change order authority. This change order was for site management and disposal of contaminated soils. Preconstruction environmental assessments detailed that reuse of site soils would be contingent on the field monitoring results. Upon field review, it was determined that site soil reuse would be limited and most soil would require removal and disposal due to contamination.

A few remaining change orders are required to complete the project. They include utility modifications required for the final operation of the system. Increasing the change order authority will allow for these change orders to be finalized and the successful completion of the project.

The 15% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal applies to the additional change order authority.

Rationale

The currently authorized change order contingency of 10% is nearly depleted. The Bassett Creek contract requires additional change order authority to successfully complete the construction.

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

Funding is available in project 61403 through local funding sources, including MnDOT, Hennepin County, Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority and CTIB.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.