

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 10, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 12, 2018

Subject:	D Line Design and Construction Administration Services Contract
District(s), Member(s):	District 2, Lona Schreiber; District 7, Gary Cunningham; District 8, Cara Letofsky; District 5, Steve Elkins
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement for Professional Services
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / BRT Projects

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a professional services contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$9,493,918 for design, engineering and construction administration for the D Line BRT project.

Background

Metro Transit requires an engineering consultant to provide design and construction administration services for the D Line.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued June 28, 2018. Four firms responded to the RFP. The Council’s procurement office reviewed the proposals for responsiveness. An evaluation panel representing Council staff and project partners evaluated the proposals and ranked them in accordance with established Council procedures for federally funded projects. A negotiations panel representing Council staff evaluated the highest ranked proposer’s cost proposal, then negotiated contract cost in accordance with the established Council procedures for federally funded projects, recommending contract award to HDR Engineering, Inc. The Office of Equal Opportunity determined that HDR’s proposal meets the DBE goal of 20% assigned to this contract.

Contract 18P182 will be structured and executed in three phases to advance the design using available funding. A Phase I Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) for preliminary design, not to exceed \$2,425,856, will be authorized concurrent with contract award. Future LNTPs will be issued when additional funding becomes available for final design and construction.

Rationale

Professional services contracts more than \$500,000 require Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Investment in high-quality transit in the D Line corridor will advance the Thrive outcome of Prosperity by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers’ access to employment and support to employers by increasing the available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation. The D Line project will advance the Thrive outcome of Equity by investing in transit serving areas of concentrated poverty where more than 50 percent of the residents are people of color.



Funding

Funding for Phase I of this contract is available within the authorized D Line budget, project 62800. The total contract value is within the overall D Line project budget, with final design and construction currently unfunded.

Known Support / Opposition

The D Line project is broadly supported by corridor communities and partner agencies. Project partner representation participated in the evaluation process and agreed with ranking HDR Engineering, Inc. the highest and most beneficial for the Council. There is no known opposition.