

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 11, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 13, 2018

Subject: Mall of America Transit Station Renovations, Contract 17P185A

District(s), Member(s): District 5, Steve Elkins

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3, Procurement of Goods and Services

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Engineering and Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of a construction contract with Morcon Construction in the amount of \$19,850,000.00 for the construction of a new Transit Station at the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN.

Background

Contract 17P185A is for the construction of a new transit station, new bus gate areas, improvements to bus operations, new connection directly into the Mall of America and lighting improvements throughout the existing transit station site. Construction will separate Mall and Transit operations and create efficiencies regarding bus movements. Upon completion, buses will no longer have to cross the LRT tracks.

The new transit station will have a direct connection into the Mall of America and will extend out to 24th Avenue. Better visibility of the station will help with wayfinding and significant lighting upgrades will make the space more inviting. Inside the building, a new police substation will be constructed along with a new operator breakroom.

An Invitation for Bids was issued on April 4, 2018. On May 9, 2018, three (3) bids were received and opened publicly. Morcon Construction provided the low bid of \$19,850,000.00, the bid was found to be responsive and responsible. The Office of Equal Opportunity evaluated Morcon Construction's bid and determined that the DBE participation goals for the project have been met. Staff have determined that the low bid submitted by Morcon Construction is fair and reasonable and is 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 *sustainability* by decreasing operating costs and fuel consumption of buses by creating a more efficient entrance and operational flow within the Mall of America Transit Station.

Funding

Project funding is authorized and available within project 62317.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.