

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 10, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 12, 2018

Subject:	C Line / Penn Avenue Construction Contract Additional Change Order Authority
District(s), Member(s):	District 2 (Schreiber); District 7 (Cunningham)
Policy/Legal Reference:	Policy 3-3
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit BRT Projects

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize additional change order authority for the C Line / Penn Avenue construction contract 17P256 by an additional \$720,000 above the currently authorized construction contract change order authority of \$1,297,611, for revised change order authority of \$2,017,611 (15.5% of initial contract value).

Background

Metro Transit received a request from Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis to add construction scope via change order to reconstruct three additional signals systems on the Penn Avenue corridor during 2018 construction. While not included in the base scope of the combined project, these improvements would benefit to project partners and corridor stakeholders. Constructing these signals in the C Line contract this fall would avoid additional active corridor construction as Metro Transit begins C Line operations in the spring.

Council Policy 3-3 allows for 10% change order authority on construction contracts without further authorization by the Council. Together with executed and forecast change orders to date, the new signals change order can be executed within existing change order authority on the contract. This change order is moving toward execution in accordance with change order procedure.

Executing the signals change order against existing change order authority reduces available construction change order authority to below-recommended amounts based upon the amount of remaining work left in the construction contract. Therefore, the proposed action would increase project change order authority in an amount equal to the change order for the additional work, \$720,000. This increase in change order authority would result in a total cumulative change order authority of 15.5% above base construction contract value.

Rationale

Council authorization is required to increase construction change order authority above 10 percent of the initial contract value.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Investment in high-quality transportation options in the Penn Avenue 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 available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

The C Line / Penn Avenue project advances the equity outcome by investing in transit in an area of concentrated poverty where more than 50 percent of the residents are people of color.

By continuing a productive partnership between agencies, this action increases the Council's ability to carry out its principle of working collaboratively.

Funding

All funds for additional change order authority are available through agreement 17I066 with Hennepin County for Penn Avenue improvements. No additional Council funds are committed through this action. C Line project change order authority would remain intact at initial contract levels following this action.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County are supportive of the proposed action.