

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 11, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 27, 2019

Subject: Orange Line Engineering Services Contract Amendment

District(s), Member(s): District 5 (Vacant), District 7 (Cunningham), District 8 (Letofsky), District 15 (Chavez)

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3

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Division/Department: Metro Transit/ Engineering & Facilities and BRT Projects

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute amendment two to contract 15P138 with HNTB Corporation in the amount of \$531,082 for engineering services for the Orange Line project. This amendment would bring the cumulative contract value to \$8,212,292.

Background

On January 8, 2016 Council executed Contract 15P138 with HNTB in the amount of \$6,748,535 for design and construction support services of the Orange Line project. The contract was amended in Spring of 2018 to \$7,681,210 largely for coordination with non-Council led projects such as the I35W & 494 Interchange project.

Since the time of the previous amendment, design and approvals have progressed and the FTA announced full funding of the Small Starts Grant Agreement securing all remaining project funds. This has brought more certainty to our project schedule and delivery needs. This amendment is required due to changes in contract schedule, construction delivery and additional design services now requested through our contract.

During the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, it was assumed that Orange Line construction would be completed through one contract over a period of two years. It was also assumed construction would be complete in late 2019 with revenue service starting at that time. Through working with our agency partner's requirements, we now know we will be in construction from summer of 2019 through spring of 2022 and have split our construction into two separate contracts. This will allow for the best path for project delivery, though requires additional staff time and fee in the engineering contract. The Council also seeks additional assistance from HNTB in managing our integrated master project schedule throughout construction, updating of multiple project renderings for use in community outreach, and additional assistance in Right-of-Way acquisition support.

Rationale

A service contract amendment over \$500,000 and in excess of 10% requires Council authorization.

Thrive Lens Analysis

METRO Orange Line supports Thrive outcomes including livability, prosperity, and equity by providing new access to economic and personal opportunity

through the I-35W South corridor. The proposed action advances the stewardship outcome by advancing Orange Line implementation with agency partners.

Funding

Authorized funding is available in Project 62405.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.