

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 11, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 27, 2019

Subject: Mall of America Curve Replacement

District(s), Member(s): District 5, Molly Cummings

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

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Division/Department: Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

Request that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for Mall of America (MOA) Curve Replacement Project with Railworks Track Systems in the amount of \$2,880,000.

Background

Contract 18P389 is a construction contract to replace the worn rail and restraining rail at MOA. Work also includes replacement of crossover castings, installation of rail lubricators and relocation of the train bump posts. The castings for the crossovers are worn to the point that 28th Ave is clamped and cannot be used, and MOA crossovers cannot be repaired anymore. The addition of the rail lubricators will extend the life of the rail. Replacing the castings will extend the life of the crossovers until 2022 when the crossovers will be replaced.

An Invitation for Bids was issued on January 17, 2019. On February 15, 2019, two (2) bids were received and opened publicly. Railworks Track Systems provided the low responsible and responsive bid of \$2,880,000. The Office of Equal Opportunity evaluated Railworks Track Systems' bid and determined that the DBE participation goals for the project have been met. Staff have determined that the low bid submitted by Railworks Track Systems is fair and reasonable and 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 ensuring the region's existing transit resources are maintained in a state of good repair, thereby providing efficient, reliable, and safe service.

Funding

Funding is available with Council approved projects 61701, 68604, 64700 and 61802.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.