

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 25, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2019

Subject: Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Advanced Design Consultant Services Contract (AECOM) Amendment #8

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve a sole source contract amendment for Advanced Design Consultant Services (ADC) contract to support construction of the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project with AECOM (14P125) to increase the contract amount by \$20,623,565 for a total contract amount of \$140,278,110.

Background

The Council executed the ADC contract with AECOM in December 2014 in the amount of \$117,654,545. The purpose of the ADC contract is to provide design and engineering services for SWLRT from 30% through 100% design and to provide design support services during construction. The Council procured this contract after a full and open competitive process which included a thorough evaluation procedure.

In April 2018, the Council amended the contract by \$2,000,000 for additional design and engineering to support the Green Line Extension.

The Council executed the Civil Construction Contract and the Systems Construction Contract in December 2018 and October 2019, respectively. This amendment will provide continued design support for construction activities such as responding to requests for information from the contractors, reviewing contractor submittals, and supporting the change order process.

As of August 2019, approximately \$109 million has been expended on the contract. This amendment will add \$20,623,565 million for a total contract amount of \$140,278,110. Additionally, this amendment will also allocate \$2,000,000 of projected-to-be-unused contract value from the "Other Direct Costs" category to the "Labor" category to allow these funds to be used for labor activities.

This amendment reflects authorized increases to the scope of consultant service between 2014 and 2019 including two project budget reductions which were achieved through scope cuts, an additional Municipal Consent process, resoliciting the Civil Construction Contract, and project time delays associated with funding shortfalls and freight rail negotiations. The addition of these activities also requires an extension of the contract termination date through December 31, 2021. Staff anticipates an additional amendment will be required to continue services through the completion of the project, which will be confirmed at later stages of the project by the level of construction progress.

Rationale

This sole source amendment is necessary to retain the current design and engineering consultants to continue supporting construction since they are the engineers and architects of record, the most familiar with the Project plans and specifications, and in the best position to make any necessary modifications.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Equity: The Council established a 19% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal for the ADC contract. The ADC was exceeding the goal with 19.46% participation through September 2019. This equates to over \$21 million in subcontracts to minority or women owned companies.

Funding

Funds for the contract amendment are included in the project budget and the Council's authorized capital budget and are eligible project costs that will be funded by the Federal Transit Administration and local funding partners.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.