

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 27, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 13, 2020

**Subject:** Hennepin Avenue Downtown Reconstruction Cooperative Construction Agreement, #191088

**District(s), Member(s):** District 7, Robert Lilligren

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Expenditure Policy 3-3, Expenditures with Other Governmental Entities and MN Statutes 473.405

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities Projects

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract #191088, a Cooperative Construction Agreement with the City of Minneapolis for construction of eight (8) enhanced bus stops as part of the City's Hennepin Downtown Reconstruction project in the amount of \$2,281,200.00.

### Background

The City of Minneapolis is reconstructing Hennepin Avenue in Downtown Minneapolis over a three-year period. This segment of Hennepin Avenue is served by five (5) major local bus routes serving multiple corridors across the region. Metro Transit has coordinated with the City to locate eight (8) enhanced bus stops along the corridor to make sure they were located to help facilitate transit operations and transfers for customers and has previously entered into a design agreement for the City to include the enhanced bus stops in their roadway reconstruction design in order to make sure they fit in with the overall roadway project. These enhanced bus stops would include larger shelters with light and heat as well as real-time signs to inform customers of the next bus. This Cooperative Construction Agreement would reimburse the City for constructing the enhanced bus stops as part of their construction project.

This agreement identifies this fee as \$1,531,200.00 based on bids received by the City in addition to a 50% share for a permanent easement that the City will acquire for pedestrian, bicycle and transit use estimated at up to \$750,000. The City will hold the contract and have construction staff assigned to provide general construction administration of the total project.

The City competitively bid the project and received three bids. The City set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE goal) goal of 16.8% and the low bid contractor met that goal.

### Rationale

Council Policy requires Interagency Agreements valued at greater than \$500,000 be approved by Council.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Enhanced bus stops on Hennepin Avenue in downtown Minneapolis supports Thrive outcomes in outcomes including livability, prosperity, and equity by enhancing access to economic and personal opportunity through transit service

from Hennepin Avenue downtown to various parts of the metro region. The proposed action advances the stewardship outcome by coordinating construction with a partner agency in order to use resources more efficiently.

**Funding**

The contract will be funded through local capital funding.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition.