

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: January 27, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 12, 2020

**Subject:** Gold Line Engineering Services Consultant Phase II Limited Notice to Proceed

**District(s), Member(s):** District 12 (Gonzalez), District 11 (Vento), District 13 (Lee)

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

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit – BRT Projects (Gold Line Project Office)

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize a notice to proceed for Phase II of professional services contract #17P058 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA) for the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project (Gold Line) in an amount not to exceed \$8,100,000.

### Background

Business Item 2017-289 SW authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with KHA for engineering consultant services for the Gold Line in an amount not to exceed \$35,161,506. Contract #17P058 was executed on January 26, 2018 with notices to proceed issued for Phase I preliminary design activities during the Project Development phase for approximately one third of the contract value. The notice to proceed for Phase II advanced design provides the next installment of progress, to continue work toward final design of the project.

The contract requires Metropolitan Council authorization to issue the notice to proceed for Phase II for advanced design following a favorable Federal Transit Administration (FTA) environmental decision on the project. The FTA issued this decision on January 17, 2020.

Contract #17P058 has 22% DBE participation commitment against a 20% goal.

### Rationale

Additional Council authorization is required to ensure advanced design activities did not progress until after the federal environmental decision.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

The Gold Line Project supports Thrive outcomes including Livability, Prosperity, and Equity with its investment in high-quality transportation that will make the region more economically competitive by supporting major job creators and increasing workers' access to employment hubs. The Gold Line will distribute transit resources throughout the region, benefitting regional residents and increasing the quality of transit service available.

### Funding

Local funding is Council Authorized in Project 61402 and provided through an executed Capital Grant Agreement (see Business Item 2019-288) with the Gold Line Joint Powers Board and formed by Washington and Ramsey Counties.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.