

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: March 23, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 25, 2020

**Subject:** Orange Line BRT Stations Contract

**District(s), Member(s):** District 5 (Cummings), District 7 (Lilligren), District 8 (Muse), District 15 (Sterner)

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

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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Morcon Construction in the amount of \$15,911,493.00, for construction of the Orange Line BRT Stations project.

### Background

The Orange Line project has been split into three separate major construction contracts. One of the three is to construct the stations along the corridor. These stations will be the area for riders to board, deboard, and utilize station amenities on the Orange Line. This construction contract is for construction of utility installation, Real-Time Sign technology, plantings, and shelter construction from Burnsville to Downtown Minneapolis.

An invitation for bids was issued on January 24, 2020 and on February 27, 2020 three bids were received. The low bid was provided by Morcon Construction in the amount of \$15,911,493.00. The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) assigned a 15% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal to this contract. The OEO evaluation determined that Morcon Construction met the DBE requirements established for the project. Staff have determined that the low bid submitted by Morcon Construction is fair and reasonable and in the best interest of the Council.

### Rationale

Execution of a construction contract exceeding \$2,500,000 requires Council approval.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

METRO Orange Line BRT supports Thrive outcomes in 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

The contract will be funded through an FTA grant that the council received in 2019 under project 62405.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.