

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 28, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 14, 2020

Subject:	METRO D Line – Rejection of Bids for Construction Contract 20P156
District(s), Member(s):	District 2 (Chamblis); District 5 (Cummings); District 7 (Lilligren); District 8 (Muse)
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Expenditure Policy 3-3, Procurement of Goods and Services MN Statutes 13.591 and 473.405; Business Data and Metropolitan Council Statutes
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / BRT Projects

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to reject all bids received for the D Line System Wide Communication Conduit Construction project, contract number 20P156.

Background

The D Line project involves construction of a fiber optic communication network along the corridor from the Mall of America to its intersection with the existing C Line at 44th Avenue North and Penn Avenue. Conduit for this network was bid separately from the major D Line construction contract in order to have this infrastructure in place prior to station construction beginning in 2021. Major D Line construction is currently scheduled for 2021 and 2022.

On August 15, 2020, the Council issued an Invitation for Bids for the D Line System Wide Communication Conduit project. The Council publicly opened bids on September 15, 2020. Two bids were received, in the amounts of \$1,242,485 and \$3,573,056.

Procurement determined the lowest bid was non-responsive. The second bidder is more than 100% above the Independent Cost Estimate, and award is not recommended.

The project will either be rebid later in the D Line project schedule or integrated into the major D Line construction contract.

When all bids are rejected, information contained in the bids (other than the bidders' names and dollar amounts of their bids) remain private and nonpublic until a resolicitation of bids results in a contract award.

Rationale

The rejection of bids exceeding \$2,500,000 requires Council authorization.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The proposed action advances the stewardship outcome by advancing D Line project delivery through efficient and effective use of public financial resources.

Funding

Project funding is authorized and available within project 62800.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the project.