

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: June 14, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 23, 2021

**Subject:** Amend Orange Line Design Project, Contract 15P138

**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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes and amendment to the design contract with HNTB Corporation in the amount of \$319,138 for additional design and construction support services of the Orange Line.

### Background

The Orange Line project consists of a new BRT route connecting Downtown Minneapolis to Burnsville and is currently under construction through three different construction contracts. The Orange Line project design lead, HNTB, has been tasked with additional work to bring the project to completion.

During construction, Metro Transit has plans to incorporate minor changes to the design to better serve riders. This work includes plans to add more Ticket Vending Machines (TVM's) at each platform, design of a "shovel ready" operator restroom at the project's southern terminus, and additional assistance for unforeseen conditions in the field.

The change to add TVM's came to light when Metro Transit realized a cost savings when switching from Cubic to Flowbird machines. This change came after the original project was designed; the Cubic footprint allows for two Flowbird machines at each location. The operator restroom design helps advance the need for better facilities for Operators. Metro Transit will work to implement the construction of the facility when feasible.

Notice to Proceed on Contract 15P138 for design and construction support services of the Orange Line was given to HNTB Corporation on January 8, 2016 in the amount of \$6,748,535. This contract has been amended two times increasing the overall value of the contract to \$8,212,292.00. This amendment would increase the value an additional \$319,138 to a new value of \$8,531,430.

Over 40% of the increase value is being performed by DBE companies. The DBE goal on this contract was set at 15%, HNTB committed to 15.9% DBE participation, they are currently achieving 16.32% and will have a final achievement 16.96% with the amendment.

### Rationale

Execution of a contract amendment greater than 10% of the original contract 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**

This amendment will be funded through Council Authorized project 62405, Orange Line BRT A&E Design Services Project.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition.