

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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METRO Green Line Extension Master Contract II for Bass Lake Spur Freight Rail Maintenance and Repair (Rebid), Contract 21P143A

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 -Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to reject all bids for contract 21P143A for Master Contract II for Bass Lake Spur Freight Rail Maintenance and Repair and resolicit bids for this contract.

Background

The Bass Lake Spur is an approximately 6.8-mile long, Class 2 freight rail line located in the cities of Minnetonka, Hopkins, and St. Louis Park. The Metropolitan Council is the owner of the Bass Lake Spur and has the responsibility for inspection, maintenance, and repair of this line. The procurement is for work for maintenance and repair services on the Bass Lake Spur.

Two bids were received on February 1, 2022. The bids were \$2,867,908.06 and \$4,534,106.20. The low bid was determined to be non-responsive. The remaining bid was determined to be responsive but exceeded staff's price estimate.

Rationale

The rejection of bids exceeding \$500,000 for non-construction services requires Council authorization.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Successful completion of the METRO Green Line Extension will advance the following Thrive MSP 2040 outcomes:

Stewardship: Transit investment provides an opportunity to reinvest and grow the capacity of our communities, with more inclusive development and intentional investment. It encourages businesses to invest in communities, which means access to resources, community amenities, jobs, and other community assets.

Equity: Connections to other METRO lines and countless local bus routes will bring people to jobs, jobs to communities, and returns to communities across the region.

Livability: The METRO Green Line Extension will add 14.5 miles to the existing Line, which connects downtown Minneapolis, downtown Saint Paul, and places in-between. This segment connects Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins, and St. Louis Park to both downtown Minneapolis and Saint Paul, and major destinations at the University of Minnesota and the State Capitol.

Prosperity: The METRO Green Line Extension reflects strategic investment in regional infrastructure that will promote economic competitiveness and create prosperity for the region. Despite being under construction, the METRO Green Line Extension has already seen more than \$1.6 billion of investment within a half-mile of the line. Another \$500 million in investment is planned.

Sustainability: As many as 700,000 more people will be living, working, and moving around the Twin Cities region by 2040. As a result, a robust transportation system is needed to provide the region choices and more mobility.

Funding

The work for this amendment is a Project (61001) eligible cost. Funds for the work are available in the Project budget. This work is included in the Council's authorized capital budget.

Small Business Inclusion

In assessing the opportunities for Disadvantage Business Enterprise participation, a DBE goal of 4% was established for this contract.

