

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



**Committee Meeting Date:** April 25, 2022

**For the Metropolitan Council:** April 27, 2022

## Business Item: 2022-95 SW

Asset Condition Assessment Services, Contract Number 22P111

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy; Minn. Stat. § 123A.21; Minn. Stat. § 471.345

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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 22P111, with Gordian Group, Inc, for asset condition assessment services in an amount not to exceed \$594,686.

### Background

The objective of this contract is to complete the preparatory work required for developing the Council's Asset Management Plan. The preparatory work is to include asset condition assessment that meet the requirements of MAP-21; the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Condition Assessment Calculation guidelines; and FTA Facility Condition Assessment guidebook.

In MAP-21, through the mandate for a national Transit Asset Management (TAM) system, Congress is requiring FTA to establish a systematic means for TAM by all operators of public transportation, for all modes of public transportation, throughout the United States. TAM is a strategic approach to managing transportation infrastructure assets. It focuses on an agency's business processes for resource allocation and utilization, with the objective of better decision-making based upon quality information and well-defined objectives.

The Council shares the FTA's vision for the role of asset management within a transit agency. Through the implementation of asset management best practices, infrastructure assets that support core services are monitored and maintained at levels that enable the Council to provide services at manageable risks and a high level of reliability and confidence to those that receive these services. A crucial step to achieving this objective is the condition assessment of the Council's assets.

To solicit condition assessment services, the Council's procurement process used a cooperative purchasing venture conducted by Sourcewell. Procuring the condition assessment services through Sourcewell allows the Council to obtain needed services through a competitive

procurement with the desired deliverables and terms without having to conduct a separate procurement

### **Rationale**

The execution of a professional services contract in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

### **Thrive Lens Analysis**

This proposed action complies with the Transit Investment Direction and Plan. This action promotes Sustainability by ensuring the region's existing transit resources are maintained in a state of good repair, thereby providing efficient, reliable, and safe service.

### **Funding**

Funding for this contract is included in Metro Transit's Operating Budget. Funds are authorized and available from project 44401.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

This contract is being secured through use of the state contract. Therefore, the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity did not establish a small business contracting goal.

