

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Re-ratification of Emergency Declaration for Repairs to Currie Maintenance Facility

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM14-1a Procurement Procedure; FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council re-ratify the Emergency Declaration for Contract 21P387, with Ames Construction (Ames), for repairs to the Currie Maintenance Facility for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project, in an additional amount not to exceed \$19,209.92 for a total amount not to exceed \$239,209.92.

Background

Construction activities related to the new Glenwood Avenue East Roadway Bridge abutment resulted in damage to the City of Minneapolis Currie Maintenance Facility. Specifically, the Facility experienced movement (vertical and horizontal displacement) as a result of soil settlement adjacent to the building footing. This impacted the connection between a portion of an exterior wall and a section of the roof.

In December 2021, the Regional Administrator approved, and the Council ratified, an emergency declaration in the amount of \$220,000 for Ames to immediately perform the repairs necessary to stabilize the facility. This work included the installation of temporary shoring to stabilize the roof and structural repairs to the connection between the wall and the roof. However, during roof repairs it was determined that additional work at an additional cost was required to furnish and install additional roofing material to restore roof drainage. This additional work was completed in October 2022. These activities have been conducted in coordination with the City of Minneapolis.

Rationale

Emergency Declarations exceeding \$175,000 require Council ratification. If an estimate of an emergency situation exceeds the original ratification, then the costs need to be reported again to the implementation committee for re-ratification. These costs were necessary to complete the response to the emergency situation.

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.

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Funding

The work for this Emergency Declaration is a Southwest LRT 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

Due to the emergency nature of this contract entered into in 2021, the normal process for small business inclusion was not able to be incorporated to provide opportunities for participation from DBE firms.

