

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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METRO Green Line Extension for Advanced Design Consultant Services, Contract 14P125, Amendment No. 14

District(s), Member(s):	All
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Green Line Extension Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 14 to Contract 14P125 with AECOM for advanced design consultant services to add \$9.8 million for a total contract amount not to exceed \$160.6 million.

Background

The contract with AECOM was executed in December 2014 in the amount of \$117,654,545 for design and engineering services for the METRO Green Line Extension (Project) from 30% through 100% design and to provide design support services during construction.

In April 2018, the Council executed Amendment No. 7 for \$2,000,000 to re-design OMF site related work based on the Project's need to reduce construction costs. In December 2019, the Council executed Amendment No. 8 for \$20,623,565 which reflected authorized increases to the scope of consultant service between 2014 and 2019 such as two budget reductions through Project scope cuts, an additional Municipal Consent process, resoliciting the Civil Construction contract, and time delays within the Project for funding shortfalls and freight rail negotiations. The addition of these activities required an extension of the contract from December 31, 2019, to December 31, 2021. Amendment No. 10 extended the contract to January 31, 2022, and Amendment No. 11 extended the contract to March 31, 2022. Amendment No. 12 added \$10,560,372 to the contract and extended the contract to December 31, 2022, and Amendment No. 13 extended the contract to February 28, 2023. The Southwest Project Office will assess Project needs beyond 2023 as the 2023 construction season concludes.

Amendment No. 14 seeks to add \$9.8 million to the contract amount for design support services during construction and extend the contract to December 31, 2023. The costs in this amendment result from a higher than anticipated level of design work caused by unforeseen construction challenges and the Project's extended schedule. This amendment is required so that the Council can continue AECOM's scope of work on the Project. An interruption to this process would be detrimental to progressing the Project.

Rationale

This amendment is needed to continue engineering support seamlessly for the Project. The amendment of a professional contract exceeding 10% of the original authorized value requires Council approval.

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 with choices and more mobility.

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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

The DBE goal established for this contract is 19%. As of work completed through December 31, 2022, AECOM is achieving 20.0% DBE participation. This amendment includes work performed by DBE firms such that AECOM will continue to meet or exceed 19% DBE participation for the overall contract.

