

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: July 12, 2023

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METRO F Line – Engineering and Construction Administration Services, Contract 22P400

District(s), Member(s):	District 2 (Chamblis), District 7 (Osman), District 10 (Lindstrom)
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Arterial BRT

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 22P400 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for engineering and construction administration services for the METRO F Line project and associated roadway improvements in the amount not to exceed \$17,382,828.

Background

The METRO F Line is a planned bus rapid transit line that will provide faster and more reliable transit service in the Route 10 corridor between downtown Minneapolis and Northtown Transit Center along Nicollet Mall, Central Avenue, 53rd Avenue, and University Avenue. Metro Transit requires a consultant to provide engineering and construction administration services for the F Line project. Design of the F Line in this corridor is closely tied to MnDOT's future vision for broader improvements, and both agencies seek to coordinate respective projects to maximize efficient delivery of infrastructure improvements. The consultant will also provide engineering services to advance design for future MnDOT roadway improvements along the F Line corridor.

A Request for Proposals was issued on January 10, 2023. A Pre-Proposal meeting was hosted on January 23, 2023 by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were 21 registered plan holders for this project. The Council received two proposals to be evaluated for the consideration of award.

In accordance with the Brooks Act, the evaluation of proposals followed a two-step process. An evaluation panel and technical advisory group representing Council staff and local agency partners ranked and selected the most technically qualified proposer. Following approval of the evaluation panel findings, conclusions, and recommendations, the costing data of the highest ranked proposer was reviewed by a negotiation panel that negotiated pricing and agreed that the final prices have been determined to be fair and reasonable and recommend Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. proposal as the most advantageous to the Council.

Rationale

The execution of professional service contracts exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The F Line will upgrade Route 10, one of Metro Transit's highest ridership bus routes. Investment in high-quality transit options in the Route 10 corridor will advance the Thrive outcome of Prosperity by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation. The F Line project advances the Thrive outcome of Equity by improving transit access for people with low incomes and communities of color. About 40 percent of Route 10 customers live in low-income households, and over half of Route 10 customers are people of color. Investment in the F Line will provide riders with faster and more reliable service and a more comfortable waiting and riding experience. The proposed action also advances the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by planning for F Line corridor improvements efficiently with regional partnership from MnDOT, Hennepin and Anoka counties, the cities of Minneapolis, Columbia Heights, Hilltop, Fridley, Spring Lake Park, and Blaine, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

Funding

Funding for this contract is available within the authorized F Line budget, project 61224. A portion of the contract value (approximately \$2,400,000) will be funded by MnDOT through a master partnership contract for MnDOT-requested scope.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 16%. OEEO determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the DBE requirements of this contract.

