

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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METRO E Line – Station Shelter Contract Option

District(s), Member(s):	District 14 (Carter), District 7 (Osman), District 6 (Lilligren), District 5 (Pacheco)
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 Council authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise an option on existing contract 19P385B with Duo-Gard Industries, Inc. for the fabrication and delivery of bus rapid transit shelters for installation on the METRO E Line project, in an amount not to exceed \$2,060,000.

Background

Bus rapid transit stations on the METRO system feature a signature shelter to provide a comfortable customer experience. These are purchased directly by the Council and provided to project construction contractors for installation. Following a competitive procurement, the Council awarded the existing contract for arterial bus rapid transit (BRT) shelters in 2021 to Duo-Gard Industries, Inc. In addition to the base order of shelters purchased at that time for the METRO D Line, the contract included future options for up to 200 additional shelters over a five-year contract horizon. This is a finished goods purchase for Duo-Gard Industries, Inc. to fabricate and deliver 67 shelters primarily for the E Line. This quantity includes 9 spare shelters and 2 shelters for a permanent BRT station to be constructed as part of the D Line project.

Exercising an option to purchase shelters under the existing contract with Duo-Gard Industries, Inc. allows the Council to utilize previously negotiated shelter pricing and will help to ensure timely fabrication and delivery of the shelters for E Line construction in 2024 and 2025.

Rationale

Council action is required to increase a contract of this value by more than 10%.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The shelter is a key component of BRT station design. In addition to providing protection from the elements, it includes additional amenities such as seating, heat, light, and security features, and contributes to a high-quality customer experience. Investment in high-quality transportation options in planned BRT corridors 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 E Line project advances the Thrive outcome of Equity by improving transit access for communities of color and for workers at low wage jobs. Investment in the E Line will provide riders with faster service and a more comfortable waiting and riding experience.

The proposed action advances the Stewardship outcome by delivering BRT network improvements in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

Funding

Funding is available and authorized in projects 61004 (E Line BRT) and 62800 (D Line BRT) for this purchase.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 9% on the original contract, 19P385B. At the time of award, OEEO determined that the awarded vendor met the DBE requirements for the contract. For the current proposed option on the existing contract, OEEO determined that the vendor, Duo-Gard Industries, Inc., continues to meet the DBE requirements for the contract.

E Line shelter installation will occur through the E Line construction contract (23P210), which has a 20% DBE goal.

