

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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METRO Green Line Extension: Hopkins Rail Support Facility Construction, Contract 23P171

District(s), Member(s):	District 3 (Carter), District 6 (Lilligren), District 8 (Cameron)
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/METRO Green Line Extension

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P171 with Shaw-Lundquist Associates, Inc. to provide construction services for the Hopkins Rail Support Facility in an amount not to exceed \$14,141,521.82.

Background

This project will be for the construction of a single-story approximately 23,000 square foot Pre-Engineered Metal Building and associated facilities that includes: administration and management offices; tool and parts storage; indoor and outdoor large/bulk component storage and loading dock; maintenance vehicle storage; shop space; and locker and break rooms. The facility will be used by Rail Operations to support maintenance activities on the Green Line Extension.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised on February 7, 2024. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquires. There were forty-two plan holders, including six prime bidders, twenty-three subcontractors, three suppliers, and four plan rooms. Fifteen plan holders identified as woman, minority, small, veteran or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on May 7, 2024, and three bids were received. One bid was determined to be non-responsive to solicitation requirements and the two responsive bids ranged from \$14,141,521.82 to \$14,905,260.61. Shaw-Lundquist Associates, Inc. is the low, responsive, and responsible bidder and recommended for award.

Rationale

The execution of a construction contract exceeding \$10,000,000 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 \$2.8 billion of investment within a half-mile of the line. Another \$780 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.

Funding

The cost for this contract is a METRO Green Line Extension Project (61001) eligible cost. Funds are available in the Project budget and included in the Council's authorized capital budget.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 18% for this contract. OEEO has determined that the recommended bidder has met the Council's DBE requirements for this contract.

