

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: August 14, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-179

METRO Green Line Extension Master Utility Agreement with CenterPoint Energy, Contract 16M143 – Amendment 4

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to contract 16M143 with CenterPoint Energy to add \$200,000 for a total contract value not to exceed \$1,415,000.

### Background

On March 23, 2017, the Metropolitan Council (Council) entered into a Master Utility Agreement (MUA) with CenterPoint Energy (CenterPoint) to address compensable utility conflicts on the Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension) Project in the amount of \$800,000. The amount of the MUA was increased to \$965,000 in Amendment No. 1 (BI 2019-123) due to project delays and additional field work resulting in a refined utility relocation estimate. The amount was increased to \$1,215,000 in Amendment No. 2 (BI 2020-191) due to unforeseen impacts identified in 2020. The contract's original expiration date was December 31, 2021, and the contract duration was extended to December 31, 2024, in Amendment No. 3.

This amendment is required due to additional utility work in the BNSF right-of-way and at Opus Station resulting in an increase to the contract amount of \$200,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,415,000. This amendment will also extend the contract duration to December 31, 2025.

### Rationale

Council Policy requires amendments exceeding 10% of the original authorized contract value be approved by the Council for a services contract if the cumulative value exceeds \$500,000.

### 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.

## **Funding**

The work of this amendment is a METRO Green Line Extension 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 scope in the Master Utility Agreement is specific to CenterPoint and there are no opportunities for DBE inclusion.

