

# Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: October 14, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: October 23, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-291

Special Trackwork - Blue Line State of Good Repair (BLSOGR3), Contract 24P155

<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
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<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit / Engineering & Facilities

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 24P155 with Progress Rail to provide special trackwork and related material in an amount not to exceed \$1,450,014.11.

### Background

The special trackwork is part of a phased project to replace and upgrade track, interlockings, and signaling on Council's METRO Blue Line. This contract will provide materials for special trackwork and components for Cedar North, 32nd St, 50th St, Park, and Warehouse Interlockings on the METRO Blue Line and downtown shared track.

The Invitation for Bids was issued on July 15, 2024. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were twenty-one plan holders, nine suppliers, five consultants, six subcontractors, one plan room, and four plan holders identified as woman, minority, small, veteran or disadvantaged business enterprises. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on October 17, 2024 and two bids were received.

### Rationale

The two bids received ranged from \$1,450,041.11 to \$3,381,330.19. Progress Rail is the low, responsive, and responsible bidder and recommended for award. The execution of a goods contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes prosperity and sustainability by ensuring the region's existing transit resources are maintained in a state of good repair, thereby providing efficient and reliable service.

## **Funding**

Funding for this project has been authorized by the Council in Capital Project #61104 LRT Blue Line State of Good Repair and Capital Project #61100 Downtown Special Trackwork Rehabilitation.

## **Small Business Inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) thoroughly reviewed this procurement for Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) opportunities in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations as well as contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OEEO's research and analysis, no MCUB goal was set.

