

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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For the Metropolitan Council: November 13, 2024

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METRO G Line – Engineering and Construction Administration Services, Contract 24P076

District(s), Member(s):	District 10 (Lindstrom), District 13 (Lee), District 14 (Carter), District 15 (Dolkar)
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 negotiate and execute contract 24P076 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for design, engineering, and construction administration services for the METRO G Line project in the amount not to exceed \$11,031,025.

Background

The METRO G Line is a planned arterial bus rapid transit (BRT) line that will operate on an 11.5-mile corridor within the cities of Little Canada, Maplewood, Roseville, St. Paul, and West St. Paul, bordering Inver Grove Heights. The G Line is planned to stop at approximately 32 locations along the route from Little Canada through downtown St. Paul to the Dakota County Northern Service Center mainly along Rice Street and Robert Street. Metro Transit requires a consultant to provide engineering and construction administration services for the G Line project.

A Request for Proposals was issued on April 24, 2024. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were twenty registered plan holders, eighteen consultants, one subcontractor, one plan room, and eight plan holders that identified as minority, woman, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. The Council received three 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 representing Council staff from various departments within Metro Transit 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.

The panel recommends the Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. proposal as the most advantageous to the Council.

Rationale

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

Thrive Lens Analysis

The G Line will enhance transit in the Rice Street / Robert Street corridor, currently served by Route 62 and Route 68.

Investment in high-quality transit options in the G Line 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 G Line project advances the Thrive outcome of Equity by improving transit access for people with low incomes and communities of color. About 70 percent of Route 62 and Route 68 customers live in households with lower than average incomes, and over half of Route 62 and Route 68 customers are people of color. Investment in the G 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 G Line corridor improvements efficiently with regional partnership from MnDOT, counties, cities, and other stakeholders.

Funding

Funding for this contract is available within the authorized G Line budget, project 61225.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity & Equal Opportunity (OEEEO) assigned a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 23% for this solicitation. OEEEO determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the DBE requirements for this project.

