

Business Item

Transportation Committee



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METRO Green Line Extension Site Maintenance, Contract 25P074

District(s), member(s):	District 3 (Carter), District 6 (Lilligren), District 7 (Osman), 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 Project Office

Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 25P074 with Landsculpt Inc. to provide site maintenance services in an amount not to exceed \$687,284.

Background

Site maintenance is required for the METRO Green Line Extension project for routine maintenance services within the METRO Green Line Extension project boundaries until revenue service begins in 2027. The services under this contract include lawn mowing, weed removal, site cleaning, trash collecting, and maintaining the health of plants and trees.

An Invitation for Bids was advertised on June 12, 2025. Council staff facilitated a public pre-bid meeting that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed the project scope of work and specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were twenty-one registered plan holders, fourteen prime bidders, five subcontractors, two consultants, two plan rooms, and eleven plan holders identified as woman, minority, small, veteran or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on July 22, 2025, and received four bids. Bids ranged from \$375,553 to \$2,577,582.70. Landsculpt Inc. was determined to be the low, responsive, responsible bidder and is recommended for award.

Rationale

The execution of a goods and services contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive lens analysis

The Council adopted Imagine 2050 on February 12, 2025, which builds on policy direction in 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 access 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 \$3.1 billion of investment within a half-mile of the line. Another \$738 million of 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 (No. 61001) budget and included in the Council's authorized capital budget.

Small business inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEEO) assigned a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 21% for this solicitation. OEEEO determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the DBE requirements of this contract.

