

Metropolitan Council/Hennepin County

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Meeting of the SWLRT Executive Change Control Board

October 8, 2021

Members Present: Chair Zelle Deb Barber Chris LaTondresse  
Debbie Goettel Marion Greene

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Charlie Zelle called the October 8, 2021, meeting of the Executive Change Control Board to order at 11:00 a.m. via a conference line. After a quorum was reached, the meeting started.

**2. MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 MEETING**

Commissioner Goettel made a motion to approve the draft minutes of September 15, 2021. Commissioner LaTondresse seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the minutes were approved.

**3. RESOLUTION 21-ECCB-023**

Brian Runzel explained the resolution, which is a Part One change order to begin the work. This change order removes civil construction work associated with the Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) that was formerly part of the project. This change order includes earthwork, storm water facilities and work to install a pocket track, which is required for temporary storage of trains. This Part One is for material procurement, which allows to the contractor to secure materials before pricing changes.

Commissioner Goettel asked if there is an estimate on what the final change order amount will be, and when will it be negotiated. Brian explained that negotiations are underway, and the final amount is likely to be \$3 to \$4M total, including the amount of the Part One. Negotiations should be completed in the coming months. Commissioner Goettel asked if these items were in the original bid. Brian explained stormwater and track work would have been included in the OMF contract, had it been pursued. The Civil contractor's scope focused on work to coordinate excavation work for the Hopkins/Minnetonka Bridge.

Commissioner LaTondresse asked if this change order moves the project forward with any of the parking ideas that Hopkins and the developers have around the Shady Oak Station? Jim Alexander explained that this Part One relates to the pocket track and stormwater, it does not relate to the parking itself. The parking configuration was coordinated with the City of Hopkins. Commissioner LaTondresse asked for confirmation that the design currently only includes parking for the north lot and not the south. Jim explained that the current plans include 365 parking stalls on the north side of the station and that the parking on the south side has been deferred from the change order until further discussion can be held and thus the current change order would not include south side parking.

Commissioner LaTondresse asked if this change order allows for time to discuss with Hopkins a more optimal configuration. Jim said it does, but any changes to the current plan may have schedule/cost impacts, however, there will be an opportunity to look at parking before the Part Two is finalized. Brian stated the contractor is currently using these areas as lay down. Any parking lot work would be toward the end of project.

Commissioner Greene asked why there is a need now for new track? Jim explained since the OMF was removed from the project, Metro Transit needs a place to store trains off the main line for maintenance purposes as there is no place to store a train off of the main line for the 14.5 miles of track.

Council Member Barber made a motion to approve Resolution 21-ECCB-23. Commissioner Greene seconded. After a roll call vote, the resolution was approved.

#### **4. RESOLUTION 21-ECCB-024**

Brian explained that this change order is for work needed to build a new access road for BNSF, which is a requirement of the BNSF agreement. Specific scope items include retaining wall work, soil correction work, and a bollard and gate system. This Part One change is to start procurement for electrical, bollard and gate equipment and for the contractor to design the temporary shoring system.

Commissioner Goettel asked what is the estimated value of entire work? Brian estimated \$2 to \$3M total, including the amount of this Part One.

Commissioner Greene asked for confirmation that this need is prompted by the agreement with the railroad. Jim confirmed, and explained this agreement involves MN Twins, Ballpark Authority, Hennepin County, City of Minneapolis and BNSF.

Commissioner Goettel made a motion to approve Resolution 21-ECCB-24. Council Member Barber seconded. After a roll call vote, the resolution was approved.

#### **5. MONTHLY REPORT ON CHANGE ORDERS**

Brian Runzel reviewed the report on new change orders under \$350,000. Since the last ECCB meeting, there were 23 new change orders to the Civil Construction contract, five for the Franklin O&M Facility Modifications contract, and two for the Systems Construction contract. All 30 had dollar amounts below the ECCB approval level. Brian highlighted and explained some of the change orders on the list.

Commissioner Goettel asked for clarifications on change 0397, specifically if there were more change orders coming to complete shifting traffic at HWY 62 to its permanent location. Brian stated this is the final change order for constructing HWY 62 in its final configuration. Commissioner Goettel asked how the steel escalation costs were calculated for the steel escalation change order and if the project gets a credit if the price goes down. Brian explained there is a formula in the contract for calculating the cost of steel escalation, and if the price of steel goes down, the project will get a credit.

Commissioner Greene asked for clarification on change 0409. Why wasn't this item included in the original secant wall change order? Brian explained that the scope for the temporary support of excavation near Cedar Isles Condominium wasn't finalized at the time, however, the project needed to start the more critical secant related work. The project focused on the secant change order first, which included longer lead items. The secants were designed by the Council's designers; the temporary support of excavation is designed by the contractor's designers. The scope for this change also needed to be reviewed by the Cedar Isles Condominium engineer, which took time. Commissioner Greene would like to know in the future when voting on a Part Two, if there are items not included in the Part Two that are still outstanding.

Council Member Barber made a motion to receive the monthly report on change orders. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the report was received.

#### **6. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Hoffner, Recording Secretary