Metropolitan Council/Hennepin County

Special Meeting of the SWLRT Executive Change Control Board August 18, 2021

Members Present: Chair Zelle Deb Barber Chris LaTondresse

Debbie Goettel Marion Greene

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charlie Zelle called the August 18, 2021 special meeting of the Executive Change Control Board to order at 10:00 a.m. via a conference line. After a quorum was reached, the meeting started. It was noted that this meeting is a Special meeting due to the change in date from the regular, 2nd Friday at 11:00 time.

2. MINUTES FROM JULY 29, 2021 MEETING

Commissioner LaTondresse made a motion to approve the draft minutes of July 29, 2021. Commissioner Goettel seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the minutes were approved.

3. RESOLUTION 21-ECCB-018

Brian Runzel explained the resolution, which is for part two of the change order for installation of the secant wall in the Kenilworth Corridor for the support of excavation for the LRT tunnel. The scope of this change is to replace approximately 485' of sheeting with a secant wall. Chair Zelle reminded all that the decision for the secant wall was made some time ago, out of an abundance of caution due to the proximity of the CICA building and the soil conditions.

Commissioner Goettel commented that in hindsight, it was a good move to have a part one change order to pre-order materials to minimize schedule impacts. Commissioner Greene asked for details on the negotiating with the contractor for getting to this final price. Jim Alexander stated the Council had lengthy discussions about the scope and cost with the contractor.

Commissioner Goettel made a motion to approve Resolution 21-ECCB-018. Council Member Barber seconded. After a roll call vote, the resolution was approved.

4. RESOLUTION 21-ECCB-019

Brian Runzel explained the resolution, which is for a part one change order to allow work to begin on a load transfer platform at the south abutment area of the Minnetonka/Hopkins LRT bridge. The platform is located in an area where, due to the timing of the right-of-way process, the Council did not have access to collect soil samples prior to construction. The soil conditions in this area are worse than anticipated and there is a high risk of settlement of soils and subsequent damage to the structure if not mitigated. Therefore, a load transfer platform is needed for the approach track and abutment wingwalls to minimize the risk of settlement. This part one change order is needed to maintain the schedule, as staff complete negotiations on the final price with the contractor.

Commissioner Goettel commented that we could have used the condemnation process to get on site during the design phase, and this should be added to the Lessons Learned. Commissioner Goettel asked for explanation why the project is using a load transfer platform rather than a soil surcharge. Brian explained that staff evaluated a soil surcharge, however, this would result in a schedule delay of 9 to 10 months and is not significantly cheaper than the load transfer platform. A load transfer platform allows the work to commence immediately and for the bridge work to stay on schedule. Brian stated that the sheeting costs are being negotiated with the contractor, so the final amount is not ready at this time. Note that the condemnation process was used to acquire access for this work, however, the project cannot

initiate right of way acquisitions until the Record of Decision is made. Due to this and complexities of this taking, the right of way was not available before the bidding process commenced.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve Resolution 21-ECCB-019. Commissioner LaTondresse seconded. After a roll call vote, the resolution was approved.

5. RESOLUTION 21-ECCB-020

Brian Runzel explained the resolution, which is for increasing contract piling quantities. The contract has estimated piling quantities that are paid using a unit price established in the bid documents. The Council pays for piling based on linear foot installed. Field staff used current piling installation rates to forecast the remaining piling quantities that will be needed to complete piling operations.

Commissioner LaTondresse asked if the project will get a credit if all of the piling quantities are not used. Brian confirmed that the project will receive a credit for any piling quantities not used.

Commissioner Goettel asked what the timeline is for ending the piling work. Brian stated that piling on the project is approximately 70% complete and staff expects the major piling work to wrap up next year, although there will be isolated areas of piling done toward the end of the project.

Commissioner Goettel made a motion to approve Resolution 21-ECCB-020. Council Member Barber seconded. After a roll call vote, the resolution was approved.

6. MONTHLY REPORT ON CHANGE ORDERS

Brian Runzel reviewed the report on new change orders under \$350,000. Since the last ECCB meeting, there were 21 new change orders to the Civil Construction contract, 10 for the Franklin O&M Facility Modifications contract, and 2 for the Systems Construction contract. All 33 had dollar amounts below the ECCB approval level. Brian highlighted and explained some of the change orders on the list.

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

Commissioner Goettel commented that with the legislature audit on the SWLRT costs and the interest in the project, we need to continue to be very concise and detail oriented on our spending. There are challenges on our project, along with other major projects around the country. We need to provide as much transparency as we can. Chair Zelle echoed the need for this transparency. We as policy makers need to continue to exercise prudency in supporting the project.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Hoffner, Recording Secretary