

Metropolitan Council/Hennepin County

Meeting of the SWLRT Executive Change Control Board

May 14, 2021

Members Present: Charlie Zelle Debbie Goettel Chris LaTondresse (Alt)
 Molly Cummings Marion Greene

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charlie Zelle called the May 14, 2021 meeting of the Executive Change Control Board to order at 11:00 a.m. via a conference line. There was a quorum of members to start the meeting.

2. MINUTES FROM APRIL 21, 2021 MEETING

Council Member Cummings made a motion to approve the draft minutes of April 21, 2021. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. Following a roll call, the minutes were approved.

3. MONTHLY REPORT ON CHANGE ORDERS

Brian Runzel reviewed the report on new change orders under \$350,000. Since the last ECCB meeting, there were 14 new change orders to the Civil Construction contract, two for the Franklin O&M, and four for Systems. All 20 had dollar amounts below the ECCB approval level. Brian highlighted and explained some of the larger Civil change orders.

Commissioner Goettel asked for clarification on a few of the change orders, which Brian and Jim provided:

- Change 282. Will this continuous work segment for the Systems contract work help us get back on schedule? Brian said this will mainly give us schedule improvements in the west. It should also help with the overall project schedule as it releases crew constraints to work in the other areas.
- Change 308. Are these costs in addition to previous changes that have been executed for the elevator at Southwest Station? Brian said a previous elevator change order modified the mounting brackets and changed the wall type for fire rating. This change order modifies the elevator electrical room to work with the contractor designed elevator.
- Change Order 312. Why is this grounding needed for handrails? Brian said that all metallic objects on and near the station are grounded for stray current protection.
- Change Order 316. Was the storm water management design at Golden Triangle station included in the original plan? Were these retention ponds missed? Brian said the design included this area. These retention ponds are needed at a low spot that were missed in the original design.

Commissioner Goettel asked if there is one person assigned to look at value engineering and review closely these changes that come from the contractor. Brian said that the Project Office has a team that meets weekly to review proposed change orders. Jim noted that the team includes Hennepin County staff. Every change is reviewed for merit and whether alternatives are feasible. Jim also stated that a value engineering review was performed during the design phase of the project.

Commissioner Greene said we need to continue to evaluate what can be done to save costs. ECCB currently looks at each change order, and we need to make sure the project is looked at as a whole to see if there are choices to make to be more responsible.

Commissioner Goettel made a motion to accept the monthly report on change orders. Council Member Cummings seconded the motion. After a roll call, the item was approved.

5. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Hoffner, Recording Secretary