

Metropolitan Council/Hennepin County

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Special Meeting of the SWLRT Executive Change Control Board  
September 15, 2021

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Charlie Zelle called the September 15, 2021 special meeting of the Executive Change Control Board to order at 8:30 a.m. via a conference line. After a quorum was reached, the meeting started.

**2. MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2021 MEETING**

Commissioner Goettel made a motion to approve the draft minutes of August 18, 2021. Council Member Barber seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the minutes were approved.

**3. RESOLUTION 21-ECCB-021**

Brian explained the resolution, which is for an extension of Retaining Wall 218 and replacing what was previously a berm. This is required by Canadian Pacific to provide the room it needs to install the turnout from the Southerly Connector to CP's MN&S line and for maintenance access.

Commissioner Greene asked if this change was the result of CP asking for something unreasonable of the project. Brian explained that CP has been very flexible and agreed to build the turnout further away from its final location than they normally would to minimize the additional work required. Typically, CP builds turnouts next to the area and simply slides the turnout into its final location. In this location, this wouldn't be feasible without a significant ROW acquisition. This change will balance downtime for the railroad and minimize additional project costs for installing the turnout.

Commissioner Goettel asked for a description of the ROW constraints at this location. Brian explained that the required ROW runs alongside a multi-residential property. The project's temporary construction easement extends to the building, which only gives the project 20' of working space.

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

**4. RESOLUTION 21-ECCB-022**

Brian explained that this resolution is for part two of the change order to reestablish Hwy 62 to its final configuration. A part one change order was issued previously to start the work, which helped maintain schedule. The part two allows the project to continue with the work. This change order also covers construction of a temporary barrier between the east and west travel lanes and remobilization in the future for when the permanent barrier is available. This work will be completed in five phases.

Chair Zelle asked if there is a benefit for doing this work in the fall? Brian said this change is needed now to avoid schedule impacts. Chair Zelle asked how it is we didn't anticipate these costs? Brian said the contract had pavement amounts for a simple crossover. This crossover at Hwy 62 is much more complicated; the volume of additional pavement to tie it in to the existing roadway is three times what was originally contemplated.

Council Member Barber asked if all five phases will be covered by this change order? Brian stated yes, this will cover all five phases.

Commissioner Greene asked if it was possible to have earlier or closer contact with MnDOT for discoveries like this in the future. Brian said this is Lessons Learned to have temporary work more detailed in base contract. Commissioner Greene asked if the Lessons Learned can be used on any more areas of this project, as we want to catch everything now as we are setting the rebaseline. Brian stated the realignment of Hwy 62 is the largest roadway reconfiguration on the project, so the Lessons Learned from this will likely benefit future projects.

Council Member Barber made a motion to approve Resolution 21-ECCB-22. Commissioner LaTondresse 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 nine new change orders to the Civil Construction contract, three for the Franklin O&M Facility Modifications contract, and no change orders for the Systems Construction contract. All 12 had dollar amounts below the ECCB approval level. Brian highlighted and explained some of the change orders on the list.

Commissioner Goettel asked for detail on Item 390, the Track Upgrades to Work Windows. Brian said this work is to replace rail and ties in the Kenilworth Corridor and Cedar Lake Spur area. The contract originally had this as Sunday work. The project was not able to get Sunday work permits and therefore needed to bring in specialty crews that were able to perform the work in shorter work windows on Saturdays. The change order covers bringing in these specialty crews to do the work in a condensed timeframe.

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

## **6. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Hoffner, Recording Secretary