

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 25, 2008

For Metropolitan Council meeting: March 12, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	February 18, 2008
Subject:	Design Services for the I-35W and 95 th Avenue Park-and-Ride Expansion in Blaine, Project 63740
District(s), Member(s):	District 10, Kris Sanda
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract for design and construction support services relative to the I-35W and 95th Avenue Park-and-Ride expansion in Blaine.

Background

As part of the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) goals, additional park-and-ride capacity is to be provided in the northern portion of the I-35W corridor. Constructing additional capacity as a part of the existing I-35W and 95th Avenue park and ride meets UPA goals as well as responds to current parking demand; more than 97% of the 1,011 existing spaces are occupied according to December 2007 counts.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued December 20, 2007 seeking proposals for design and construction management services. Nine design firms responded to the Council's RFP. An evaluation panel ranked the proposals in accordance with established Council procedures for projects funded with federal dollars. The evaluation panel has recommended award to Palanisami & Associates, Inc. for the professional services, as being in the best interest of the Council, at a cost to be determined but not to exceed \$800,000. Palanisami & Associates, Inc., proposed a DBE participation of 17%.

Rationale

Authorization to negotiate and contract for design and construction support services allows design to begin with sufficient time to meet the tight timeline of the UPA project. The execution of a professional services contract in excess of \$250,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Current funding for the I-35W and 95th Avenue Park-and-Ride expansion totals \$11,000,000. This total consists of the federal and local portions of the Urban Partnership Agreement grant allotted to park and ride expansion in the northern part of the I-35W corridor. This funding is exempt from legislative approval and is available with or without the execution of the UPA project as a whole. These funds are to be available within Project 63740 in March 2008.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Blaine, Anoka County, Mn/DOT and the North Metro I-35W Corridor Coalition have all expressed verbal support for the subject project.