

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 24, 2008

For Metropolitan Council Meeting: December 10, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 10, 2008
Subject:	Issue Notice-to-Proceed to the Assistant Project Director Consultant for Advancing Preliminary Engineering in 2009 for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit
District(s), Member(s):	District 7: Annette Meeks District 8: Lynnette Wittsack District 13: Richard Aguilar District 14: Kirstin Sersland Beach
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement of Professional Services
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

- To issue a Notice-To-Proceed to the Assistant Project Director Consultant, Gary Erickson for advancing Preliminary Engineering in 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$150,512.

Background

On October 24, 2007, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with Gary Erickson for Assistant Project Director for Design and Engineering Services for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project in an amount not to exceed \$467,000 and to issue a Notice-To-Proceed (NTP) for Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Engineering activities through the end of calendar year 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$278,000.

On December 3, 2007, the Council entered into a contract with Gary Erickson for Assistant Project Director services in the amount of \$467,000 and issued an NTP for Preliminary Engineering and Advanced Preliminary Engineering Services through 2008 in the amount of \$277,531.

The contract includes provisions to issue separate NTPs for Preliminary Engineering/ Advancing Preliminary Engineering and Final Design. Council action is required to issue NTPs for work beyond 2008. The Council has the right to terminate the contract at any time, should that be necessary.

Rationale:

As the Assistant Project Director, Gary Erickson has provided an important role in assisting the CCPO in overseeing the design of the CCLRT. The design of the CCLRT will undergo a critical period as the preliminary design is advanced in preparation to enter into Final Design.

Council approval to issue an NTP for activities related to advancing Preliminary Engineering in 2009 will allow the consultant to continue assisting the Central Corridor Project Office (CCPO) in overseeing critical design activities.

Funding

Funding in the amount of \$43.9 million is currently available for Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Engineering activities. This amount is recommended to increase by \$69.0 million to a total of \$122.9 million in the 2009 Capital Budget.

Known Support/Opposition

Council funding partners, Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority and the Counties Transit Improvement Board are providing additional funds in 2009.