

T Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: January 26, 2009

For Metropolitan Council Meeting February 11, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	January 19, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Approve Contract Amendment for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Final Environmental Impact Statement Contract
District(s), Member(s):	District 7: Annette Meeks District 8: Lynette Wittsack District 13: Richard Aguilar District 14: Kirstin Sersland Beach
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement of Professional Services
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Mark W. Fuhrmann, Deputy General Manager, 651-602-1942 Rich Rovang, AGM – Transit Systems Development, 651-602-1941 Kathryn O'Brien, Principal Contract Administrator, 651-602-1927
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

- To execute an amendment to the professional services contract with HDR Engineering for Environmental Services to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project in an amount not to exceed \$627,000, for a total amended contract value of \$3,718,345, and to extend the contract time period to June 30, 2009.

Background

On May 23, 2007, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with HDR Engineering for Environmental Services for the CCLRT project in an amount not to exceed \$3.2 million.

On June 9, 2007, the Council entered into a contract with HDR Engineering in the amount of \$3,091,345 to provide required environmental services for the CCLRT project preparing a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Rationale:

The Environmental Services contract as amended includes professional services required to complete the FEIS and secure a Record of Decision from the FTA by a target date of May 2009 as part of completing the Preliminary Engineering phase of the project.

This contract amendment is necessary due to increased testing and analysis for noise and vibration impacts along Washington Avenue at the University of Minnesota and along Cedar Street near Minnesota Public Radio (MPR). The potential impact from noise and vibration at both of these critical entities has resulted in significantly more testing and analysis. Reaching agreement on the required features of the mitigation will require a more detailed development of designs for the mitigation measures.

HDR's initial cost proposal was \$729,824. Central Corridor Project Office (CCPO) staff entered into negotiations with HDR. As part of those negotiations, the overall agreed upon contract amendment amount was reduced to \$626,590. This amount is consistent with staff's independent cost estimate.

Funding

Funding in the amount of \$122.9 million is currently budgeted for preparation of the FEIS, and for Advancing Preliminary Engineering activities, as well as for initiating Final Designs in the 2009 Capital Budget. The project has expended \$31.0 million through December 2008, leaving \$91.9 million available for these activities.

Known Support/Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.