

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: February 13, 2012
Metropolitan Council Meeting: February 22, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: January 30, 2012
Subject: Construction of the Maplewood Mall Park & Ride Project 62911
District(s), Member(s): District 11, Sandy Rummel
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Procurement of Goods and Services Over \$250,000
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Division/Department: Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Sheehy Construction Company, for the construction of the Maplewood Mall Transit Center Parking Structure in Maplewood, MN, at a cost of \$11,152,300.

Background

To meet current and projected demand, the park and ride capacity at the Maplewood Mall Transit Center will be more than doubled by constructing a parking structure on property currently owned by the Council and operated as a surface lot park-and-ride.

On December 20, 2011, 8 bids were received and opened publicly. The bids ranged from \$11,061,000 to \$12,046,400. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$14,570,121. A 15% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to this project. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) has reviewed the three lowest responsive bids for DBE participation and good faith efforts. The low, responsive bidder failed the DBE review and their bid was rejected.

The second low, responsive bid, submitted by Sheehy Construction Company, passed the DBE review with a commitment of 7.7% and documentation of good faith efforts to meet the goal. This bid was \$11,152,300; about 23% below the engineer's estimate. Metropolitan Council Purchasing Department has determined that Sheehy Construction Company, with the bid of \$11,152,300, is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Rationale

Authorization to award and execute a contract for the construction of this parking structure allows construction to begin with sufficient time to provide a full construction season and meet terms of the temporary parking agreement with the Maplewood Mall. Execution of a construction contract in excess of \$1,000,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding for this contract is authorized and available under project 62911, grants MN-04-0026, MN-95-X022, and MN-90-X286.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Maplewood and the Maplewood Mall have expressed support for the subject project. There is no known opposition.