

T Transportation Committee

Executive Summary

Item: 2007-346

Consent

Meeting date: October 22, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting – November 14, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 15, 2007
Subject:	Amendment to Consulting Contract for 2030 Transit Master Plan Corridor Modeling
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$250,000
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Service

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract amendment with SRF Consulting to conduct transitway corridor modeling for \$42,287 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$292,287

Overview and Funding

The Metropolitan Council has undertaken the 2030 Transit Master Plan Study. This study will provide an outline of transit improvements for the region and is a precursor to the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan that will be completed in 2008.

One part of this study is to evaluate corridors for their potential for commuter rail, light rail, and dedicated busways. A technical advisory group consisting of representatives of the regional railroad authorities, MnDOT, the central cities and Metropolitan Council identified 26 corridors for analysis. The Council sent out an RFP for a consultant to analyze these corridors for their potential transit ridership and costs; for a methodology to determine appropriate ridership and cost thresholds; and to understand why some corridors have low potential for intensive transit investments. SRF Consulting was the selected consultant. The cost proposed was below the \$250,000 threshold for bringing the contract to the Council and a contract was issued in September. After this contract was signed, it was determined that modeling being done by the Regional Rail Authorities for the Rush Line Corridor and the Bottineau Corridor would not be complete in time for inclusion in this report. Rather than leave those corridors out of the analysis and report, this amendment will allow including these corridors in the analysis being done for the 2030 Transit Master Plan. Adding these corridors will increase the SRF contract above the \$250,000 threshold and now requires Council approval. In addition, it is proposed to add two additional model runs to the contract in case any additional corridors emerge or other issues arise. These additions will bring the maximum contract amount to \$292,287, an amount that requires Council approval.