

# T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 12, 2008

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date Prepared:** February 26, 2008

**Subject:** Design Services for the I-35W and 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park-and-Ride Expansion in Blaine, Project 63740

### **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 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park-and-Ride expansion in Blaine.

### **Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Staff provided a short presentation. Mr. Thorstenson noted that the Business Item is amended such that negotiations will not exceed \$700,000 rather than \$800,000 as stated in the business item. There was no discussion. After the item was moved by Council Member Susag and seconded by Council Member Hilker, the item was approved unanimously and has been placed on the Council agenda as a consent item.

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**Meeting date: February 25, 2008**

**For Metropolitan Council meeting: March 12, 2008**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	February 18, 2008
<b>Subject:</b>	Design Services for the I-35W and 95 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Park-and-Ride Expansion in Blaine, Project 63740
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 10, Kris Sanda
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, Metro Transit 612-349-7510 Tom Thorstenson, Director Engineering & Facilities 612-349-7689 Lindsay Sheppard, Project Manager 612-349-7679
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

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### 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 95<sup>th</sup> 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 \$700,000. 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 95<sup>th</sup> 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.