

T Transportation Committee
Metropolitan Council meeting: August 12, 2009

Item: 2009-227

Date July 28, 2009
Prepared:
Subject: **Contract Amendment for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Assistant Project Director Consultant**

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator:

To negotiate and execute an amendment to the professional services contract with Gary Erickson for Assistant Project Director for Design and Engineering Services for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project. The amendment increases the not-to-exceed amount by \$45,000 for services related to the continued advancement of Preliminary Engineering for a total amended contract amount of \$512,000 and

To issue a Notice-To-Proceed (NTP) to Gary Erickson for services related to the continued advancement of Preliminary Engineering through calendar year 2009.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Item was presented by Richard Rovang. After discussion, the Committee voted to send it to the Met Council on 8/12 without a recommendation. One Councilmember voted against this option.

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Meeting date: July 27, 2009

For Metropolitan Council Meeting: Aug. 12, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	July 16, 2009
Subject:	Contract Amendment for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Assistant Project Director Consultant
District(s), Member(s):	District 7: Annette Meeks, 612-341-8168 District 8: Lynette Wittsack, 612-788-1235 District 13: Richard Aguilar, 651-665-0633 District 14: Kirstin Sersland Beach, 651-263-5128
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement of Professional Services
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Mark Fuhrmann, Deputy General Manager, 651-602-1942 Rich Rovang, AGM-Transit Systems Dev, 651-602-1941 Chris Gran, Director of Purchasing, 612-349-5060 Jim Alexander, Asst Dir. Transitways Engrg, 651-602-1937
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

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Background

On October 24, 2007, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with Gary Erickson to serve as Assistant Project Director for Design and Engineering Services for the CCLRT project in an amount not to exceed \$467,000 and to issue a 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 to serve as 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.

On December 10, 2008, the Council authorized issuing an NTP for Advancing Preliminary Engineering Services through August 2009 for an amount of \$150,512.

Rationale

As Assistant Project Director, Gary Erickson has provided important knowledge and expertise in assisting the Central Corridor Project Office (CCPO) in overseeing the design of the CCLRT. The design of the CCLRT will undergo a critical period as the preliminary design is advanced to entry into Final Design.

Council approval to increase the total contract amount to \$512,000 will allow the consultant to continue assisting the CCPO in overseeing critical design activities during the advancement of Preliminary Engineering.

The Council has the right to terminate this contract at any time, should that be necessary.

Funding

Project funding in an amount of \$101.2 million is available for this contract amendment.

Known Support/Opposition

Council funding partners, Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority and the Counties Transitway Improvement Board have committed funds through 2009.