

T Transportation Committee
Metropolitan Council meeting: August 12, 2009

Item: 2009-248

Date July 28, 2009
Prepared:
Subject: Contract Amendment for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Engineering Services Consultant

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

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Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Item was presented by Richard Rovang. After discussion, the item passed, with two descending votes.

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Meeting date: July 27, 2009

For Metropolitan Council Meeting: August 12, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	July 16, 2009
Subject:	Contract Amendment for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Engineering Services Consultant
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 Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Mark Fuhrmann, Deputy General Manager, 651-602-1942 Rich Rovang, AGM – Transit Systems Development 651-602-1941 Chris Gran, Director of Purchasing 612-349-5060 Jim Alexander, Assistant Director Transitways Engineering, 651-602-1937
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

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Background

This amendment is necessary due to the Department of Administration's request to complete preliminary and final design plans and specifications for two new pedestrian tunnel connections in the State Capitol area.

University Avenue and Robert Street, running on the north and east sides of the State Capitol, serve as part of the alignment for the CCLRT Project. The cost of tunnel design and ultimate construction are the responsibility of the Department of Administration and not part of the base CCLRT project scope and budget. Department of Administration and the Central Corridor Project Office determined that completing the preliminary engineering and final design work for these two tunnels now would be advantageous from a budget and coordination standpoint.

- On June 13, 2007, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with DMJM Harris (AECOM USA) for Engineering Services for the CCLRT project in an amount not to exceed \$91.2 million and to issue a Notice-To-Proceed (NTP) for Preliminary Engineering and advancing Preliminary Engineering activities through the end of calendar year 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$35.5 million. On August 3, 2007, the Council subsequently entered into the contract and issued the NTP.
- On December 10, 2008, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to issue an NTP to AECOM to advance Preliminary Engineering in 2009 in an amount not to exceed an additional \$15.8 million. On December 22, 2008, the Council subsequently issued the NTP.
- On May 13, 2009, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to execute a contract amendment and issue a NTP to AECOM for additional design and engineering activities in an amount not to exceed \$996,000. On June 10, 2009, the Council subsequently issued the NTP.

Rationale

The Council would assume no financial obligations related to the two pedestrian tunnels completed by AECOM USA, Inc. The tunnel work will be accounted for separately and uniquely from the CCLRT Project.

Funding

Funding for preliminary engineering and final design for these Department of Administration requested betterments in the Capitol area is available through an appropriation in the 2009 bonding bill in the amount of \$313,000. The funding is not part of the CCLRT project. Should the tunnels be built, funding for that purpose will need to be provided in a future bonding bill separate from state bonding for CCLRT.

Known Support/Opposition

The 2009 legislature authorized \$313,000 of state bonds for this work.