

**T** Transportation Committee  
Metropolitan Council meeting: January 13, 2009

Item: 2009-434

Date December 14, 2009  
Prepared:  
Subject: **Contract Amendment for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Engineering Services Consultant**

**Proposed Action:**

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To negotiate and execute an amendment to the professional services contract with AECOM USA, Inc. to increase the contract spending authority to an amount not-to-exceed \$65.2 million to continue the advancement of Preliminary Engineering and

To issue a Notice-To-Proceed (NTP) to AECOM USA, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$7.0 million to continue advancing Preliminary Engineering. The total contract spending authority with this NTP shall not exceed \$65.2 million.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Mark Fuhrmann provided an overview of the project status and background for this action. Fuhrmann addressed questions from the Committee whether this increased amount was contemplated and advised that the requested additional contract amount has been budgeted. Following discussion on the FTA process, this action was approved by the Committee.

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## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	November 25, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	Contract Amendment for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Engineering Services Consultant
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 7: Annette Meeks District 8: Lynette Wittsack District 13: Richard Aguilar District 14: Kirstin Sersland Beach
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Procurement of Professional Services
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	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
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

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### Background

- 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 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project in an amount not to exceed \$91 million and to issue an NTP for Preliminary Engineering and advancing Preliminary Engineering activities.
- On November 18, 2009, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to increase the authorized contract spending authority by \$5.9 million and to issue an NTP in an amount not-to-exceed \$58.2 million to continue to advance Preliminary Engineering.

The contract includes provisions to issue separate NTPs for Preliminary Engineering and Advancing Preliminary Engineering, Final Design, and Design Support during Construction. The Council has the right to terminate the contract at any time, should that be necessary.

### **Rationale**

The CCLRT project schedule called for FTA approval to enter Final Design on November 23. FTA has advised that approval to enter Final Design is contingent upon completion of an Environmental Assessment for the Infill Stations, which is currently scheduled to be completed by late February 2010.

Council approval to issue an NTP to continue advancing Preliminary Engineering in 2010 will allow the consultant to continue with the design effort in preparation to enter into Final Design. If FTA approval to enter Final Design is not granted by February 2010, additional contract authority to continue advancing Preliminary Engineering will be required.

### **Funding**

Funding for advancing Preliminary Engineering is available from the 2008 and 2009 State of Minnesota general obligation bonds, 2009 Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) Grant Agreement, and the Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Ramsey and Hennepin County Regional Rail Authorities.

### **Known Support/Opposition**

Council funding partners, Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, and the Counties Transit Improvement Board have committed funds for design and engineering activities.