

T Transportation Committee
Metropolitan Council meeting: July 14, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date June 29, 2010
Prepared:
Subject: Authorization to Purchase Passenger Waiting Shelters

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase order with Brasco International, Inc. for 85 passenger waiting shelters in an amount of \$366,225.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

After a brief presentation by staff Council Member Sersland Beach asked at what priority locations would the new shelters be placed. Staff responded that these 85 shelters are substantially replacing deteriorated shelters throughout the region. Priority will be given to those locations with shelters that have significant deterioration. Council member Aguilar asked how many shelters Metro Transit employed in the region. Staff responded that there are about 900 Metro Transit shelters in use throughout the region. Chair McFarland noted that the computer image of the new shelter didn't seem to have a bench. Staff responded that the image was representative only and that new shelters would have walls and benches similar to those currently in use.

The proposed action was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

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Meeting date: June 28, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting: July 14, 2010

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Subject: Authorization to Purchase Passenger Waiting Shelters
District(s), Member(s): Chair and Members of the Transportation Committee
Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures
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Background

Invitations for Bids were advertised and 25 firms were directly notified of this opportunity. Three bids were received. The bids ranged from \$366,225 to \$2,111,945. The engineer's estimate for the work was \$375,000. The low bid was 2.3% below the engineer's estimate. No Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to this project because there are no DBE's that can perform the work. Staff has determined the low bid of \$366,225, submitted by Brasco International, Inc., to be the lowest responsive/responsible bid and to be a fair and reasonable price.

Rational

This procurement will permit the installation/replacement of passenger waiting shelters at high priority sites. By installing shelters at these high priority sites, Metro Transit will be supporting key 2010 goals to grow ridership and focus on service quality.

Funding

Funds are available for this purchase.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.