

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 26, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: February 12, 2007
Subject: Construction of the 28th Avenue Park & Ride Facility - Project 63612
District(s), Member(s): District 5, Russ Susag
Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.405 subd.3
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Division/Department: Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action/Motion

Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the construction of the 28th Avenue Park & Ride Facility, in Bloomington, Minnesota subject to verification of funds availability from the Bloomington Port Authority.

Issue(s)

Council approval is required for construction contracts above \$1,000,000.

Overview and Funding

As presented to the Transportation Committee on February 12th, bids for the construction of the 28th Avenue parking structure were received as scheduled on February 14, 2007. Bids were received and opened publicly and the bids ranged from \$16,314,076 to \$19,543,000. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$20,655,062. The lowest bid as submitted by Knutson Construction Services Inc. of \$16,314,076 was 21% below the engineer's estimate. The bid price reflects an \$11,090 per stall unit cost.

A 17% DBE goal was assigned to this project. Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) has reviewed and approved Knutson's 14.7% DBE commitment by considering both their numerical submission and good faith efforts. The Purchasing Department has also reviewed the bids and determined that Knutson is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Funding for this project will be provided by Lease Revenue Bonds issued by the Bloomington Port Authority. On February 12th staff indicated to the Transportation Committee members that the budget would consist of lease revenue bond funding amounting to \$27,250,000 and RTC funds amounting to \$2,020,000. Advantageous bidding has allowed a reduction in the par value of the lease revenue bond funds from \$27,250,000 to \$21,660,000. When combined with RTC funds the total value of the project is then \$23,680,000, an amount that is less than the \$25 million value as stated in the approved Capital Improvement Plan.