

# T Transportation Committee

**Meeting date: January 12, 2009**

**For Metropolitan Council Meeting: January 14, 2009**

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	January 5, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	Construction of the I-35W and 95 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Parking Structure in Blaine, Project 63740
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 10, Kris Sanda
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	MN Statutes 473.405 subd.3
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Brian J. Lamb, General Manager, Metro Transit 612-349-7510 Tom Thorstenson, Director Engineering & Facilities 612-349-7689 Pat Jones, Assistant Director Facilities Engineering 612-349-7606 Lindsay Sheppard, Project Manager 612-349-7679
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

### **Proposed Action**

Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Knutson Construction Services, Inc., for the construction of the I-35W and 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parking Structure in Blaine, Minnesota, at a cost of \$6,523,000.

### **Background**

As part of the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) goals, additional park and ride lot parking spaces are to be provided in the northern portion of the I-35W corridor. Constructing these additional spaces adjacent to the existing I-35W and 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue park and ride meets the UPA goals as well as responds to current parking demand; more than 95% of the existing spaces are occupied according to September 2008 counts. This project will add 553 parking spaces in a three-level parking facility.

On December 19, 2008, 14 bids were received and opened publicly. The bids ranged from \$6,523,000 to \$7,576,375. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$8,660,262. The lowest bid of \$6,523,000 was 25% below the engineer's estimate. A 17% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to this project. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) has reviewed and approved the 4.25% DBE commitment by Knutson Construction Services, Inc. considering both their numerical and good faith efforts submission in meeting the goal. The Council's Purchasing Department has determined that Knutson Construction Services, Inc., with the bid of \$6,523,000 is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

### **Rationale**

Authorization to award and execute a contract for the construction of this parking structure allows construction to begin with sufficient time to meet the tight timeline of the UPA project. The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$1,000,000 requires Council approval.

### **Funding**

Sufficient funding from federal and local sources is available in UPA Project 63740 to award the construction contract as well as provide 5% contingency in the event of changes required during construction.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

The City of Blaine, Anoka County, Minnesota Department of Transportation and the North Metro I-35W Corridor Coalition have all expressed support for the subject project.