

T Transportation Committee

Business Item
Item: **2009-207 SW**
Revised

Meeting date: June 22, 2009

For Metropolitan Council Meeting: June 24, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	June 8, 2009
Subject:	Construction of Bus-Only Access Ramps in Lakeville, Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA), Project 63740
District(s), Member(s)	District 16, Wendy Wulff, 952-484-3353
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes 473.405 subd.3
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

Authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Friedges Contracting LLC, for the construction of the Transit-Only Access Ramps in Lakeville, Minnesota at a cost of \$1,274,995.04.

Background

As part of the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA), construction of the Kenrick Avenue Park and Ride is underway in Lakeville. Buses providing service to the Kenrick Avenue Park and Ride are to access and egress the facility directly from I-35, enabling a safe and highly efficient service. Constructing the Bus-Only Access Ramps meets a term of the agreement between the Metropolitan Council (Council) and the City of Lakeville for joining the transit taxing district.

On June 11, 2009, two bids were received and opened publicly. The bids were \$1,274,995.04 and \$1,366,845.54. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$1,548,580.50. Friedges' bid of \$1,274,995.04 was 17% below the engineer's estimate. A 15% DBE goal was assigned to this project. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) finds that Friedges passes the DBE requirements.

FHWA required a complete study of the project's impacts on I-35. Final FHWA approval to award the project was received on June 15, 2009.

Rationale

Authorization to award and execute a contract for the construction of the Bus-Only Access Ramps allows construction to begin to meet the timeline stipulated in the agreement between the Council and the City of Lakeville as well as the UPA funding deadline. Delay in FHWA approval requires a same week action to meet the project schedule. 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 Lakeville, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Department have expressed support for the subject project.