

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 9, 2009

Metropolitan Council Meeting: November 18, 2009

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** October 27, 2009

**Subject:** Contract Amendment for Central Corridor Light Rail  
Transit Engineering Services Consultant

**District(s), Member(s):** District 7: Annette Meeks

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**Policy/Legal Reference:** Procurement of Professional Services

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**Division/Department:** Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

To execute an amendment to the professional services contract with AECOM USA, Inc. to increase the authorized contract spending authority by \$5.9 million to an amended total not to exceed of \$58.2 million to continue to advance Preliminary Engineering and

To issue a Notice-To-Proceed (NTP) to AECOM USA, Inc. to advance Preliminary Engineering accordingly.

### 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 through the end of calendar year 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$35.5 million. On August 3, 2007, the Council subsequently entered into the contract and issued the NTP.
- On December 10, 2008, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to issue an NTP to AECOM to advance Preliminary Engineering in 2009 in an amount not to exceed an additional \$15.8 million. On December 22, 2008, the Council subsequently issued the NTP.

- On May 13, 2009, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to execute a contract amendment and issue an NTP to AECOM for additional design and engineering activities in an amount not to exceed \$996,000. On June 10, 2009, the Council subsequently issued the NTP.

The contract includes provisions to issue separate NTPs for Preliminary Engineering, 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 Central Corridor LRT project schedule calls for FTA approval to enter Final Design around Thanksgiving 2009. FTA has indicated this approval will not be granted in the November timeframe given identified project risks.

Council approval to issue an NTP to continue advancing Preliminary Engineering throughout 2009 will allow the consultant to continue with the design effort in preparation to enter into Final Design. The present NTP authorizes Preliminary Engineering expenditures up to \$52.6 million dollars and allows design to progress through the end of the year. If FTA approval to enter Final Design lapses into 2010, additional contract authority prior to Final Design would be required. Work will be authorized for advancing Preliminary Engineering as well as Design Support during Construction for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Advanced Utilities construction.

### **Funding**

Funding for advancing Preliminary Engineering is available from the state of Minnesota 2008 and 2009 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 are providing funding in 2009.