

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 14, 2009

Metropolitan Council Meeting: January 13, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	November 25, 2009
Subject:	Contract Amendment for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Assistant Project Director Consultant
District(s), Member(s):	District 7: Annette Meeks, 612-341-8168 District 8: Lynette Wittsack, 612-788-1235 District 13: Richard Aguilar, 651-665-0633 District 14: Kirstin Sersland Beach, 651-263-5128
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement of Professional Services
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Mark Fuhrmann, Deputy General Manager, 651-602-1942 Rich Rovang, AGM-Transit Systems Dev, 651-602-1941 Chris Gran, Director of Purchasing, 612-349-5060 Jim Alexander, Asst Dir. Transitways Engineering, 651-602-1937
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator:

To negotiate and execute an amendment to the Assistant Project Director consultant contract with Gary Erickson to increase the contract amount by a not-to-exceed \$40,000 for a total amended contract amount not-to-exceed \$552,000 to continue to support the advancement of Preliminary Engineering and

To issue a Notice-To-Proceed (NTP) to Gary Erickson in an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000 for services related to the continued advancement of Preliminary Engineering.

Background

On October 24, 2007, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with Gary Erickson to serve as Assistant Project Director for Design and Engineering Services for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project in an amount not to exceed \$467,000 and to issue an NTP for Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Engineering activities.

On August 12, 2009, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to execute a contract amendment and issue an NTP for an amount not-to-exceed of \$45,000 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$512,000 for additional services related to the continued advancement of Preliminary Engineering through calendar year 2009.

Rationale

The CCLRT project schedule called for FTA approval to enter Final Design on November 23. FTA has advised that approval to enter Final Design is contingent upon completion of an Environmental Assessment for the Infill Stations, which is currently scheduled to be completed by late February 2010.

Council approval to issue an NTP to continue advancing Preliminary Engineering in 2010 will allow the consultant to continue supporting the design effort in preparation to enter into Final Design. If FTA approval to enter Final Design is not granted by February 2010, additional contract authority to continue advancing Preliminary Engineering will be required.

As Assistant Project Director, Gary Erickson has provided important knowledge and expertise in assisting the Central Corridor Project Office (CCPO) in overseeing the design of the CCLRT. The design of the CCLRT will undergo a critical period as the preliminary design is advanced to entry into Final Design. Council approval to increase the total contract amount will allow the consultant to continue assisting the CCPO in overseeing critical design activities during the advancement of Preliminary Engineering.

The Council has the right to terminate this contract at any time, should that be necessary.

Funding

Funding for advancing Preliminary Engineering is available from the 2008 and 2009 State of Minnesota 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 Transitway Improvement Board have committed funds for design and engineering activities.