

T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 22, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting: February 24, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	February 5, 2010
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 \$60,000 for a total amended contract amount not-to-exceed \$612,000 to continue to support the advancing Preliminary Engineering and Final Design Activities.

To issue separate Notices-To-Proceed (NTP) to Gary Erickson for services related to the advancement of Preliminary Engineering and Final Design. The initial NTP would authorize the continuation of advancing Preliminary Engineering activities until approval by FTA to enter Final Design. A subsequent NTP would be issued for Final Design Activities upon approval by FTA to enter Final Design.

Background

On January 13, 2010, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to execute a contract amendment for an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$552,000 for additional services related to the continued advancement of Preliminary Engineering through February 2010.

At that time, Council members asked if this contract would continue to be incrementally amended a few months at a time years into the future. Central Corridor Project staff stated there would be one final amendment for \$60,000 which this action represents.

Rationale

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 and during Final Design Activities.

Council approval to issue the 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.

Council approval to issue a second NTP will allow the consultant to support Final Design activities through June, 2010. This will conclude all professional services under this contract. This NTP will not be issued until receipt of approval to enter Final Design which is expected during March.

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

Funding

Funding 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.