

T Transportation Committee
Meeting date: October 11, 2010
Metropolitan Council Meeting: October 27, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: October 6, 2010
Subject: Arterial Transitway Corridors Study
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Procurement of Professional Services
2030 Transportation Policy Plan Work Program Task
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a professional services contract for planning, concept design, and forecasting relative to the Arterial Transitway Corridors Study, at a cost of \$324,363.

Background

The Arterial Transitways Corridor Study will develop a facility and service plan to enhance efficiency, speed, reliability, customer amenities and transit market competitiveness on high demand local bus corridors identified for Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the region's *2030 Transportation Policy Plan*. Eleven corridors will be evaluated for improvements in the study, which will be completed in approximately one year.

A request for proposals (RFP) was issued August 3, 2010 seeking proposals for planning services. Seven firms responded to the Council's RFP. An evaluation panel ranked the proposals in accordance with established Council procedures for projects funded with federal dollars. The evaluation panel has recommended award to SRF Consulting, Inc. (SRF) for the professional services, as being in the best interest of the Council, at a cost of \$324,363, which compares favorably with the estimate of \$324,822. SRF committed 19.4% of the effort to be completed by certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms vs. a project goal of 15%.

Rationale

The execution of a professional services contract in excess of \$250,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Current funding for the Arterial Transitway Corridors Study is covered through project number 30120, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) administered by Metropolitan Transportation Services staff. The project is included in the UPWP.

Known Support / Opposition

Local communities have expressed support for the subject study.