

# **T** Transportation Committee

**Meeting date: April 11, 2011**

**Metropolitan Council Meeting: April 27, 2011**

## **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>April 1, 2011</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Purchase of Passenger Waiting Shelters</b>
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	<b>Chair and Members of the Transportation Committee</b>
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	<b>Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures</b>
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	<b>Brian Lamb, General Manager, MT, 612/349-7510 Tom Thorstenson, Director, F/E, 612/349-7689 Pat Jones, Assistant Director, F/E, 612/349-7606 Joe Edwards, Lead Project Manager, 612/349-7676</b>
<b>Division/Department:</b>	<b>Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities</b>

### **Proposed Action**

Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a purchase order with Brasco International, Inc. for 120 passenger waiting shelters in the amount of \$494,400.

### **Background**

Invitations for Bids were advertised with 60 shelters for Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities (E & F) and 60 shelters for the Central Corridor Project Office (CCPO). A contract, if awarded, would authorize the purchase of 60 E&F shelters with an option to purchase an additional 60 CCPO shelters within 6 months. Three bidders responded with the bids ranging from \$494,400 to \$561,438. The engineer's estimate for the work was \$560,000. The low bid was 11.7% below the engineer's estimate. No Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to this project because there are no DBE's that perform this work. Staff has determined the low bid of \$494,400, submitted by Brasco International, Inc., is fair and reasonable and is the lowest responsive/ responsible bid.

### **Rational**

This procurement will permit the installation of 60 new passenger waiting shelters at high priority sites identified by the Engineering and Facilities Department and it will permit the installation of 60 new temporary passenger shelters along the bus routes relocated for Central Corridor Light Rail Corridor construction. Upon re-establishment of the bus routes, the temporary passenger shelters will be available for use by Metro Transit. By installing shelters at these sites, Metro Transit will be supporting key 2011 goals to grow ridership and focus on service quality.

### **Funding**

Sufficient funding from local and federal sources is available in Project 63852 to award the E&F portion (\$271,725) of the contract. Funding for the CCPO portion (\$222,675) is awaiting the FFGA.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.