

T Transportation Committee

**Business Item:
2011-293**

Meeting date: October 24, 2011

Metropolitan Council Meeting: November 9, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 24, 2011
Subject:	Authorization to Contract for Design and Construction Support Services for Highway 610 and Noble Parkway Park-and-Ride
District(s), Member(s):	District 2, Lona Schreiber
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a professional services contract for architectural and engineering design and construction support services for Highway 610 and Noble Parkway Park-and-Ride at a contract amount of \$898,047 to Julie Snow Architects, Inc.

Background

Metro Transit currently operates a 511-space park-and-ride facility located in the northeast quadrant of Highway 610 and Noble Parkway interchange in Brooklyn Park. Customer demand is strong at the facility with utilization rates exceeding 90% since 2006. Demand for 1,000 spaces is anticipated based on population and employment growth, which could reach 1,500 spaces without other transit improvements. To address this demand, Metro Transit received a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) grant in 2007 and is proposing to develop a 1,000-space park-and-ride to be located on the western 9.22 acres of a 13.38 acre property at 4410 95th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park. The acquisition of the property for this use was approved as previous business item 2011-27 and is currently in the condemnation process.

A request for proposals (RFP) was issued on August 25, 2011 seeking proposals for design and construction support services. Nine design firms responded to the Council's RFP. An evaluation panel ranked the proposal in accordance with Council procedures for projects funded with federal dollars. The evaluation panel is recommending award to Julie Snow Architects, Inc. (JSA) for the professional services, as being most advantageous to the council, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$898,047, which compares favorably with the Independent Cost Estimate of \$897,825.80. JSA has committed 37% of the effort to be completed by Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms vs. a target of 15%.

Rationale

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

Funding

Funding for the design and engineering services is available within project 62115.

Known Support / Opposition

The City of Brooklyn Park is in support of this project. No known opposition.