

T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting – October 24, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: October 23, 2007

Subject: Award Assistant Project Director for Design and Engineering Services Contract for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit

Summary of Committee Discussion:

Staff responded to Committee questions related to the proposed costs, the number of consultant hours, and the activities of the Assistant Project Director.

Recommendation:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

- To negotiate and execute a professional services contract with Gary Erickson for 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.
- To issue a Notice-To-Proceed for Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Engineering activities through the end of calendar year 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$278,000.

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Executive Summary

Item: 2007-350 SW

Meeting date: October 22, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting – October 24, 2007

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Date:	October 16, 2007
Subject:	Award Assistant Project Director for Design and Engineering Services Contract for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit
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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 Development 651-602-1941 Chris Gran, Director of Purchasing 612-349-5060 Jim Alexander, Manager Transitways Design 651-602-1937
Division/Department:	Metro Transit / CCPO

Proposed Action/Motion

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Issue(s)

- Professional service contracts in excess of \$250,000 require Metropolitan Council approval.

Overview and Funding

The Assistant Project Director for Design and Engineering Services consultant will assist the Central Corridor Project Office (CCPO) in overseeing the design of the CCLRT. This position is required by the FTA to increase technical capacity.

Two firms responded to the Council's request for proposals. An Evaluation Panel representing the CCPO evaluated the proposals and ranked the firms in accordance with established Council procedures for FTA funded projects. Gary Erickson's proposal was determined to be responsive and deemed the most advantageous to the Council.

Gary Erickson's cost proposal is \$467,000, which is less than staff's independent cost estimate. The work under this contract will be performed under three separate Notices-to-Proceed (NTP):

- Manage Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Engineering activities through calendar year 2008.
- Manage any remaining Advanced Preliminary Engineering and all Final Design activities.
- Manage design elements of the Design-Build work for the tunnel if the tunnel is included as part of the scope of the project.

The last two NTP will require Council approval at a later date. The Council has the right to terminate the contract at any time, should that be necessary.

Funding in the amount of \$44.9 million is available for all Preliminary and Advanced Preliminary Engineering activities including agency staff costs and office lease costs through calendar year 2008:

- \$7.7 million from FTA,
- \$13.0 million from State Bonds,
- \$16.9 million from the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA), and
- \$7.3 million from the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA).

Both RCRRA and HCRRA have approved the Central Corridor LRT Preliminary Engineering Funding Agreement.