

E Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 23, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: July 15, 2008

Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of the 1-MN-302 Relocation – Miscellaneous Connections, Project 800334, Contract 08P049

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the 1-MN-302 Relocation – Miscellaneous Connections, Project 800334, Contract 08P049, with Ames Construction, Inc. for their low bid of \$6,540,085.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Committee members asked if the University of Minnesota pays for part of this work. Staff responded that the project includes interceptor improvements, which will be paid from service availability charges (SAC) and wastewater service charges. The University has paid SAC on the new Gopher Stadium, which will be served by this interceptor.

The motion passed unanimously.



Environment Committee

Meeting date: June 24, 2008

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of July 23, 2008

Business Item

Item: 2008 – 175

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	June 17, 2008
Subject:	Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of the 1-MN-302 Relocation – Miscellaneous Connections, Project 800334, Contract 08P049
District(s), Member(s):	District 8, Lynette Wittsack
Policy/Legal Reference:	Procurement Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bill Cook 651-602-1811; Bryce Pickart 651-602-1091
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore 651-602-1162

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Background

The 1-MN-302 Relocation – Miscellaneous Connections project is to complete the relocation of the portion of interceptor 1-MN-302 along Oak Street between 5th Street and Beacon Street (Williams and Mariucci Arenas are on the west and the TCF Bank Stadium is on the east) and redirect the flow to the Minneapolis East Interceptor (MEI). The project will construct a remaining segment of interceptor and redirect existing connections from the old 1-MN-302 to the realigned interceptor. This contract is the fourth of four construction contracts to implement the 1-MN-302 realignment. The entire realigned interceptor is to be constructed and ready for service by May 31, 2009.

Three bids, ranging from \$6,540,085 to \$7,241,585, were received and opened on June 10, 2008. The engineer’s estimate was \$4,186,409. Staff believes the difference between the bid and the engineer’s estimate is due to underestimating the cost of the following: the compact project schedule; possible coordination and conflicts with other construction in the area; utility protection and relocation; mobilization and amount of tunneling equipment that will be needed concurrently; dewatering; and handling potentially contaminated soil.

There were no goals for minority business or women-owned business participation for this contract.

Rationale

Construction contracts exceeding \$1,000,000 require Council authorization.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2008 MCES Capital Budget, Project Number 800334.

BUDGET INFORMATION					
Annual or Capital	Year Project Approved	Estimated Project Cost	Current Authorization	Unencumbered Funds	Amount Requested
Capital	2008	\$7,850,000	\$8,000,000	\$7,650,000	\$6,540,085

Known Support / Opposition

Supported by the University of Minnesota and the City of Minneapolis. No known opposition.