

T Transportation Committee

November 24, 2008

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 10, 2008

Item: 2008-341

Consent

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: November 25, 2008

Subject: Issue Notice-to-Proceed to AECOM USA, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services Contract to Advance Preliminary Engineering for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit

Proposed Action:

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Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

This item was presented by Mark Fuhrmann. A motion was made, seconded and the item was passed unanimously.

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District 8: Lynnette Wittsack
District 13: Richard Aguilar
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Background

On June 13, 2007, the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with DMJM Harris for Engineering Services for the CCLRT project in an amount not to exceed \$91 million and to issue a Notice-To-Proceed (NTP) for Preliminary and Advancing Preliminary Engineering activities through the end of calendar year 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$35.5 million. In November 2008, DMJM Harris adopted the name of their corporate parent, AECOM USA, Inc.

On August 3, 2007, the Council entered into a contract with the Engineering Services Consultant, DMJM Harris, in the amount of \$91 million to provide Preliminary Engineering, Advancing Preliminary Engineering, Final Design and Design Support Services during Construction for the CCLRT and issued an NTP for Preliminary Engineering and Advancing Preliminary Engineering Services through 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$35.5 million. The forecasted expenditures through 2008 are \$28 million.

Authorized Request for 2007-2008	\$35.5 million
Authorization Request for 2009	\$15.8 million
Authorization Request Total	\$51.3 million

The contract includes provisions to issue separate NTPs for Preliminary Engineering and Advancing Preliminary Engineering, Final Design, and Design Support during Construction. Council action is required to issue NTPs for work beyond 2008. The Council has the right to terminate the contract at any time, should that be necessary.

Rationale:

AECOM USA, Inc. has provided an important role in advancing the design of the CCLRT. Council approval to issue an NTP to advance Preliminary Engineering in 2009 will allow this consultant to continue advancing the design in preparation to enter into Final Design

Funding

Funding in the amount of \$43.9 million is currently available for Preliminary and Advancing Preliminary Engineering activities. This amount is recommended to increase by \$69.0 million to a total of \$122.9 million in the 2009 Capital Budget.

Known Support/Opposition

Council funding partners, Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, and the Counties Transit Improvement Board are providing additional funds in 2009.