

T Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 11, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: March 10, 2009

Subject: Installation of Transit Signal Priority, Project 63740

Proposed Action:

Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Egan Company, for the installation of Transit Signal Priority (TSP) at a cost of \$3,089,095.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

After a brief report by staff, the item was moved, seconded and approved without further discussion.

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Meeting date: March 9, 2009

For Metropolitan Council Meeting: March 11, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	March 3, 2009
Subject:	Installation of Transit Signal Priority, Project 63740
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Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statues 473.405 subd.3
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/ Transportation and Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Egan Company, for the installation of Transit Signal Priority (TSP) at a cost of \$3,089,095.

Background

Transit Signal Priority provides transit vehicles the ability to extend a green light or shorten a red light which would otherwise cause traffic delays. Under this UPA project transit signal priority is to be installed initially along the Central Avenue corridor from near downtown Minneapolis to I-694 in Columbia Heights.

On February 16, 2009, the Council received two bids for the TSP project. Egan Company submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid, \$3,089,095, and has met all the bidding requirements. The Council's estimate for this work is \$3,470,000. The contractor has committed 17% of the work to be directed to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) companies. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) finds that Egan Company passes the DBE goal as established.

Rationale

The Transit Signal Priority system is an integral part of the Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) and approval of the contract allows sufficient time to meet the tight timeline of the UPA project. The execution of a contract in excess of \$1,000,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding consists of the federal and local portions of the UPA grant allotted to transit technology projects as part of project 63740.

Known Support / Opposition

The Cities of Minneapolis and Columbia Heights, Anoka County and Minnesota Department of Transportation have all expressed support for this project. There is no known opposition.