

T Transportation Committee
Metropolitan Council meeting: February 24, 2010

Item: 2010-70

Date February 23, 2010
Prepared:
Subject: **Contract Amendment for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit
Engineering Services Consultant**

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

To negotiate and execute an amendment to the professional services contract with AECOM USA, Inc. to increase the contract spending authority \$71.2 million to continue the advancement of Preliminary Engineering, and

To issue a Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) to AECOM USA, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$6 million to continue advancing Preliminary Engineering. The total contract spending authority with this NTP shall not exceed \$71.2 million.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Mark Fuhrmann presented the business item. A motion was made by Councilmember McFarlin, seconded by Councilmember Hilker, and approved unanimously.

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Meeting date: February 22, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting: February 24, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: February 5, 2009

Subject: Contract Amendment for Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Engineering Services Consultant

District(s), District 7: Annette Meeks

Member(s): District 8: Lynette Wittsack

District 13: Richard Aguilar

District 14: Kirstin Sersland Beach

Policy/Legal Procurement of Professional Services

Reference:

Staff Brian Lamb, General Manager, 612-349-7510

Prepared/Presented: 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, Assistant Director Transitways Engineering,
651-602-1937

Division/Department: Metro Transit / Central Corridor Project Office

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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 (AECOM USA) for Engineering Services for the CCLRT project in an amount not to exceed \$91 million and to issue an NTP for Preliminary Engineering and advancing Preliminary Engineering activities. Since that time, amendments were executed that increased the total budget to \$92,375,175.

On January 13, 2010 the Council authorized the Regional Administrator to increase the authorized contract spending authority and to issue an NTP in an amount not-to-exceed \$65.2 million to continue to advance Preliminary Engineering.

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

Rationale

The CCLRT project schedule called for FTA approval to enter Final Design on November 23, 2009. FTA has advised that approval to enter Final Design is contingent upon completion of an Environmental Assessment for the Infill Stations, which is currently scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2010. The FTA Administrator and Region V staff have stated they expect to approve entry into Final Design during March, 2010. If FTA approval is delayed until April, this action provides sufficient authority for the Engineering Services Consultant to continue advancing Preliminary Engineering during April, 2010.

Council approval to issue an initial NTP for advancing Preliminary Engineering will allow the consultant to continue to advance Preliminary Engineering until approval to enter Final Design from FTA is granted.

Funding

Funding is available from the 2008 and 2009 State of Minnesota general obligation bonds, 2009 Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) Grant Agreement, and the Cooperative Funding Agreement with the Ramsey and Hennepin County Regional Rail Authorities.

Known Support/Opposition

Council funding partners, Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority, Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, and the Counties Transit Improvement Board have committed funds for design and engineering activities.