

# T Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 26, 2010

Metropolitan Council Meeting: April 28, 2010

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

**Date:** April 21, 2010

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

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Procurement of Professional Services

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## Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator:

- To extend authority with AECOM USA, Inc. to complete Advance Preliminary Engineering during May and;
- To authorize AECOM USA, Inc. to increase the contract spending authority in an amount not-to-exceed \$9 million for a total spending authority not to exceed \$80.2 million (within the currently authorized \$92.4 million) to initiate and complete Final Design, provide design support during construction and by amendment add construction support services.
- To issue Notices-to-Proceed (NTP) to AECOM USA, Inc. upon receipt of approval from FTA to enter Final Design for
  - Initiating and Completing Final Design,
  - Design Support during Construction, and
  - Construction Support Servicesduring calendar year 2010.

## 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 Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) project in an amount not to exceed \$91 million and to issue an NTP for Preliminary Engineering and advancing Preliminary Engineering activities. The contract has since been increased to \$92.4 million.

On February 24, 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 \$71.2 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.

The NTP for Final Design is contingent on FTA granting entry into Final Design.

### **Rationale**

Approval to enter Final Design is anticipated in early May 2010. Council approval to issue a NTP for Final Design will allow the consultant to complete the design for the overall CCLRT project.

Based upon the receipt of Letters of No Prejudice (LONP), the Central Corridor Project Office anticipates the Civil East Construction, Civil West Construction, Systems Construction, and Light Rail Vehicles will be awarded during June, July, and August 2010.

Council approval to issue a NTP for Design Support during Construction will allow the consultant to provide design support for construction activities scheduled during 2010 prior to receipt of the Full Funding Grant Agreement.

Council approval to issue a NTP for Construction Support Services during 2010 will allow the Consultant to provide field support overseeing construction contractors and light rail vehicle manufacture during 2010.

### **Funding**

Funding is available from the 2008 and 2009 State of Minnesota general obligation bonds, 2010 Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) Grant Agreement, and the Cooperative Funding Agreement for Preliminary Engineering and Final Design 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.