Business Item

Environment Committee

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Lift Station L32A, Construction Engineering Services, Contract 20P210 – Amendment 2

District(s), member(s):	District 2 (Council Member Reva Chamblis)
Policy/legal reference:	FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, Real Estate Policy
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Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 20P210 with Brown and Caldwell that will add an amount of $7,500,000 to provide engineering construction services for the design of the new Lift Station L32A, for a total contract value not to exceed $14,066,704.00.

Background

The New Lift Station L32A project was designed by Brown and Caldwell (B&C) under contract 20P210. B&C served as the engineer of record and prepared the plans and specifications. This facility will be one of the largest lift stations in our system, requiring complex engineering solutions.

Geotechnical investigation and evaluation of suitable construction methods by the designer resulted in the selection of a diaphragm wall to address site conditions and minimize construction risks. This change has resulted in an increase in effort on behalf of the design engineer for the project. The project will be entering the construction phase and requires construction engineering support services such as design clarifications, responses to contractor requests for information, review of shop drawings, resolution of unforeseen field conditions and preparing final as-build drawings and O&M manuals.

This amendment will ensure continuity of the design intent and maintain the specialized expertise required as the project moves into the construction phase. By retaining the original engineer of record and preserving accountability for the project's plans and specifications, the Council supports efficiency, strengthens oversight, and maintains appropriate management of project risk.

Rationale

Council Policy requires amendments exceeding 10% of the original authorized contract value be approved by the Council if the cumulative value exceeds $2,000,000. Amendments to contracts that exceed 10% of the original value constitute sole source procurements.

Thrive lens analysis

On February 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain and restore wastewater infrastructure, which protects the region's natural resources.

Funding

This project will be PFA funded through the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund by MPCA.

Small business inclusion

The total MCUB achievement on 20P210-Lift Station 32A project is 17.44%, as of February 2026, exceeding the MCUB contract goal of 15% as established by the Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO). OEEO will continue to monitor the project to ensure the MCUB requirements are met, inclusive of all amendments.