

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



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Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

This item was presented by Metro Transit Arterial BRT Senior Project Coordinator Alicia Valenti. There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Motion by Carter, Toni, seconded by Morales. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s):	District 6 (Lilligren), District 13 (Lee), District 14 (Carter)
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Expenditure of Goods, Services and Real Estate Policy
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Arterial BRT

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Background

Contract 20P322 with Kimley-Horn includes engineering and construction administration services for the B Line corridor. The contract was previously amended in March 2023 to include additional design and construction administration support for locally requested improvements along the corridor funded by project partners. At the time of Amendment 1, construction administration costs for the West Construction Package were not included in the amendment due to continued design advancement of locally requested improvements and timing of Hennepin County funding availability.

Amendment 2 accounts for additional construction administration costs resulting from the inclusion of locally requested improvements into the B Line West Construction Package. Local improvements requested by Hennepin County will be constructed by B Line construction contractors with funds provided by the county via interagency agreement. The local improvements, which include traffic signal, safety, and multimodal transportation upgrades, will complement the B Line project, and constructing them at the same time as the B Line will minimize disruption to surrounding communities.

Rationale

The amendment of a professional services contract exceeding 10% of the original authorized value requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The B Line will upgrade and substantially replace Route 21, Metro Transit's second-highest ridership bus route. Investment in high-quality transportation options in the Route 21 corridor will advance the Thrive outcome of Prosperity, by making the region more economically competitive through increased workers' access to employment, and support to employers by increasing available workforce with affordable, convenient transportation.

The B Line project and county-funded improvements along the corridor advance the Thrive outcome of Equity by investing in a transit corridor serving communities of color. More than half of Route 21 riders identify as Black, Indigenous, or people of color (BIPOC). Investment in the B Line will provide riders with faster service and a more comfortable waiting and riding experience, and county-funded improvements along the corridor will improve safety and transit operations.

The proposed action also advances the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by planning for METRO B Line corridor improvements efficiently with regional partnership from Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis.

Funding

Funds from Hennepin County (\$2,091,599) will be provided through cooperative agreement 221046 following execution of an amendment for these costs. Funding for B Line share of the amendment (\$307,670) is available and authorized in project 62802.

Small Business Inclusion

The DBE goal on this contract is 16%. Kimley-Horn, at the time of award, committed to 17%. The final DBE achievement is based on the total contract value including any amendments. Per federal regulation, Kimley-Horn must make continued efforts to maintain their DBE commitment on the final contract price.

