

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee meeting date: August 24, 2026

For the Metropolitan Council: September 9, 2026

Business Item: 2026-145

Master Contract for Mechanical Engineering Services for Design and Assessment Services, Contract 25P274

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Summary of Transportation Committee discussion/questions

Metro Transit Engineering and Construction Manager Robert Rimstad presented this item. Council members discussed MCUB/DBE goals and contract duration. Rimstad stated as specific work scopes are developed and assigned, that is the best opportunity for MCUB/DBE sub-consultants to be added into the work to bring their expertise for the design work. Rimstad also stated that the contract is to not exceed 5 years or until the value is spent.

Motion by Carter, Toni, seconded by Osman. Motion carried, consent to Council.



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District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Engineering and Construction

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Background

The Engineering and Construction 2026 – 2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes approximately \$250 million for capital improvements per year, including new construction as well as rehabilitation of aging facilities and systems. An essential element to complete this work is the availability of skilled engineering firms to perform this work.

A Request for Proposal was issued on January 6, 2026. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were twenty-two registered plan holders, nineteen consultants, three plan rooms, and seven plan holders identified as minority, woman, veteran, small or disadvantaged business enterprises. On February 18, 2026, the Council received six proposals to be evaluated for consideration of award.

In accordance with the Brooks Act, the evaluation of proposals followed a two-step process. The evaluation panel ranked and selected the most technically qualified proposers. Following approval of the evaluation panel findings, conclusions, and recommendation, the costing data of the highest ranked proposers were reviewed by a negotiation panel that negotiated pricing and agreed that the final prices have been determined to be fair and reasonable.

The panel recommends the proposal submitted by TKDA as the most advantageous to the

Council. Work orders for specific projects under this master contract will be awarded on an as-needed basis.

Rationale

The execution of an engineering contract that exceeds \$2,000,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens this work will advance Sustainability and Stewardship of our existing bus support facilities.

Funding

Funding will be included in future Council authorized capital and operating budgets. Work orders will only be executed after Council budget authority has been approved.

Small Business Inclusion

There are no Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) or Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goals set for this project. However, the Council strives to ensure equitable participation of minority, women and underutilized businesses in projects and procurements, and strongly encourages the inclusion of small businesses in this contract.

