Business Item

Transportation Committee

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St. Paul OMF LRV Storage Barn, Contract 25P196

District(s), Member(s):	District 13 (Lee)
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 & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to reject all bids for contract 25P196 for the construction of the St. Paul OMF LRV Storage Barn Project.

Background

This contract was intended for construction services for a new Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) storage facility building and associated track at the Green-Line St. Paul Operation and Maintenance Facility (OMF), located at 340 North Broadway Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

This project would have constructed a 40,000SF LRV storage building that would have housed six light rail trains (18 cars total), had approximately 40 employee parking spots, a mezzanine to assist with minor maintenance, a second Traction Power Substation and would have replaced the discontinued Siemens S7 Signal Controllers, all on property already owned by the Council.

The anticipated contract estimate provided by the project design consultant was $34,500,000. The project had $36,500,000 in available funds for construction.

Four bids were received on May 14, 2026. Bids ranged from $49,859,537.24 to $59,670,246.59 which the low bid exceeded the construction estimate by 44 percent.

As a result of the rejection of bids, the design consultant will be asked to consider alternate reduced scope design options that will allow the project to be constructed with existing funds. A new solicitation will be required for construction of this revised design.

Rationale

The rejection of construction bids exceeding $10,000,000 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 action promotes *prosperity* and *sustainability* by ensuring

the region's existing transit resources are maintained in a state of good repair, thereby providing efficient and reliable service.

Funding

Funding for this contract is funded through Project 64114 St. Paul OMF LRV Storage Barn.

Small Business Inclusion

Due to the requirements of Interim Final Rule (IFR) issued by the USDOT on October 3, 2025, the DBE goal that had been established for this project prior to the IFR was removed.