

City of Minneapolis Request for Committee Action

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Subcategory: Contract/Agreement

Subject:

Contract Amendment for Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar – Project Management

Description:

Authorizing an amendment to Contract No. C-38559 with ZAN Associates, extending the contract to March 31, 2018, and increasing the contract by \$120,000, for a revised contract total of \$245,000, to provide project management and public outreach professional services for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar project.

Previous Actions:

April 1, 2016 – City Council authorized the proper city officers to amend the existing contract with AECOM to complete additional environmental review and pre-project development tasks for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar project for an amount not to exceed \$262,000.

January 15, 2016 – City council authorized an extension of the master funding agreement with Metropolitan Council for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar project from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016.

November 18, 2014 – City council authorized an extension of the master funding agreement with Metropolitan Council for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar project from December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015.

July 18, 2014 – City Council authorized the proper city officers to execute a contract with ZAN Associates to provide project management and public outreach professional services for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar project for an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for a period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

April 7, 2014 – City Council authorized the proper city officers to amend the existing contract with URS Corporation to complete additional pre-project development tasks for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar project for an amount not to exceed \$97,000.

March 7, 2014 – City Council authorized the proper city officers to amend the existing contract with URS Corporation to complete additional pre-project development tasks for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar project for an amount not to exceed \$357,000.

December 6, 2013 – City council authorized a master funding agreement with the Metropolitan Council to conduct environmental review and pre-project development activities for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

October 4, 2013 – City Council approved a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Nicollet-Central Transit Alternatives Study and recommended the LPA to the Metropolitan Council for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Policy Plan.

August 16, 2013 – City Council authorized a contract amendment with URS Corporation to complete the NEPA process for the Nicollet-Central Transit Alternatives Study.

June 25, 2013 – City Council established a project area and value capture district for streetcar financing.

May 25, 2012 – City Council authorized a contract with URS Corporation to provide professional services to conduct an alternatives analysis in the Nicollet Avenue and Central Ave corridor.

April 2, 2010 – City Council approved the long-term streetcar network.

March 23, 2010 – T&PW received and filed Streetcar Funding Study.

January 22, 2008 – T&PW received and filed Streetcar Feasibility Study.

Ward/Address:

Not Applicable

Background/Analysis:

The City Council approved a recommended locally preferred alternative (LPA) for the corridor on October 4, 2013 as modern streetcar running between Lake Street and at least 5th Street NE on Nicollet Avenue, Nicollet Mall and Hennepin/1st Avenues, using the Hennepin Avenue bridge to cross the Mississippi River. The Council also authorized the next phase of study, which is to conduct an Environmental Assessment and Section 106 Review for the recommended modern streetcar project. That work is under way and being guided by a project management team that includes the City of Minneapolis, Metropolitan Council, and ZAN Associates.

ZAN Associates has served as the project manager for the technical work since Spring 2013, transitioning the project from the alternatives analysis phase to the environmental assessment phase. ZAN Associates is uniquely qualified to complete these activities, having the history, technical expertise, and public outreach expertise needed for the project. ZAN Associates served as the project manager for the Minneapolis Streetcar Feasibility Study (2006-2008), the Minneapolis Streetcar Funding Study (2008-2010), and the Access Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan (2005-2009).

Environmental review activities are planned throughout 2016 and 2017, as well as the professional services required to complete those activities. The scope of the contract with ZAN Associates includes project management support and public outreach activities to complete the Environmental Assessment and Section 106 process for the Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar project.

The draft EA document is expected to be released for public review in 2017 with an anticipated completion of the environmental review process by the end of 2017. This action is within the current project budget. The recommended \$120,000 contract amendment is funded through Nicollet-Central Modern Streetcar funds in the 2016 Public Works budget.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.