

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTION ITEM

Item Number: BA2020-63

Meeting Date: June 22, 2020

Item Title: Environmental Assessment/Conceptual Engineering for the TEXRail Extension From Texas & Pacific Station To The Near Southside Station

BACKGROUND

Trinity Metro is seeking to expand TEXRail from the Fort Worth Texas & Pacific (T&P) Station to the Near Southside Station (also referred to as Medical District Station). The proposed TEXRail Extension will consist of new single-track passenger rail construction funded with both Federal and Local dollars within mainly the existing freight (Union Pacific Railroad and Fort Worth and Western Railroad), City of Fort Worth, North Texas Tollway Authority and Texas Department of Transportation rights of way. The proposed TEXRail Extension would extend TEXRail approximately 2.1 miles from the T&P Station to a new station in the Medical District referred to as Near Southside Station. The new station will be located behind Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center, adjacent to the Mistletoe neighborhood.

Completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Conceptual Engineering for the TEXRail expansion is required to proceed with the project.

PROCUREMENT

In accordance with Trinity Metro's Procurement Policy, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ 20-T027) for Environmental Assessment/Preliminary Engineering for the TEXRail Extension from the existing Texas & Pacific Station to the proposed Near Southside Station was issued and advertised on Trinity Metro's website. Two firms responded to the Request for Qualifications and complied with the requirements. Responding firms included:

- AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
- Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.

An evaluation team from Trinity Metro reviewed and evaluated the statement of qualifications. As a result of the evaluations, AECOM Technical Services, Inc. was selected as the highest qualified for entering into negotiations and contract award.

DBE UTILIZATION

A DBE Goal of 25% was established for this solicitation. AECOM Technical Services, Inc. committed to meet the DBE goal.

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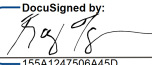
FINANCE

Funds are available from the TEXRail project. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has approved the use of the CMAQ allocation from the TEXRail project to fund all phases including the environmental assessment and conceptual engineering.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commuter Rail Committee recommends that Trinity Metro Board of Directors authorize the President/Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract for Environmental Assessment and Conceptual Engineering Services with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$2,250,000.00 with a 10% contingency (\$225,000.00) for a total not to exceed amount of \$2,475,000.00.

Disposition by Board of Directors

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Secretary Approval:

Jun-23-2020

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