

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee meeting date: August 24, 2026

For the Metropolitan Council: August 26, 2026

Business Item: 2026-151 SW

METRO G Line – Construction Contract 26P075

Proposed action

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Summary of Transportation Committee discussion/questions

Metro Transit Principal Engineer Evan Owens-Ambrogio presented this item. Council members expressed excitement for this line and thanked staff for their work. Owens-Ambrogio provided additional context to the planned public engagement activities, including approaches being used with the G Line (contractor incentives to minimize full street closures and development of public-facing detour exhibits) that reflect lessons learned from previous projects. Council members discussed the importance of outreach to the businesses and customers along the corridor before and during construction.

Motion by Carter, Toni, seconded by Obisakin. Barber recused. Motion carried.



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District(s), member(s):	District 10 (Lindstrom), District 13 (Lee), District 14 (Toni Carter), District 15 (Obisakin)
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 / Arterial BRT

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Background

The METRO G Line Arterial BRT project involves construction of 32 bus rapid transit (BRT) stations along an 11.5-mile corridor following Robert Street and Rice Street from the Dakota County Northern Service Center, through downtown St. Paul, to the Little Canada Transit Station in the Cities of West St. Paul, St. Paul, Maplewood, Roseville, and Little Canada in Ramsey County and Dakota County. The project will also construct an operator restroom, fiber communication infrastructure, and pedestrian and signal improvements, developed in coordination with MnDOT and Ramsey County.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised on June 4, 2026. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed the project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were 51 plan holders: 9 prime bidders, 20 subcontractors, 12 suppliers and 16 plan holders identified as woman, minority, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. Council staff facilitated a public bid opening on July 21, 2026 and five bids were received.

The five bids received ranged from \$20,726,416 to \$26,219,058. Meyer Contracting, Inc. submitted the low, responsive, and responsible bid, and is recommended for award.

A same week Council action is requested to ensure timely contract award and construction start.

Rationale

The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$10,000,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive lens analysis

The G Line will upgrade and substantially replace Routes 62 and 68, which are two of Metro Transit's highest ridership routes. Investment in high-quality transportation options in the Route 62 and Route 68 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.

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Using the Thrive lens, investment in high-quality transit options in the G Line corridor will advance the Thrive outcome of Equity by improving transit access for communities of color and for workers at low wage jobs. Along the G Line corridor, 56% of residents identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), 16% of households do not have access to a car, and 58% of the population has a median household income of less than \$60,000. Investment in the G Line will provide riders with faster service and a more comfortable waiting and riding experience.

The proposed action also advances the Thrive outcome of Stewardship by planning for G Line corridor improvements efficiently with regional partnership from Ramsey County, Dakota County, West St. Paul, St. Paul, Maplewood, Roseville, Little Canada, and MnDOT.

Funding

Funding for this contract is available and authorized in project 61225 (G Line BRT) for Metro Transit participation in the amount of \$20,570,308. The remainder of the contract value will be funded by cooperative construction agreements for locally requested scope with Ramsey County and MnDOT following execution.

Small business inclusion

Due to the requirements of the Interim Final Rule issued by the USDOT on October 3, 2025, no DBE goal was assigned to this project.

