Committee Report

Transportation Committee

Committee meeting date: November 23, 2026 **For the Metropolitan Council:** December 2, 2026

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Summary of Transportation Committee discussion/questions

Metro Transit Planning and Project Delivery Deputy General Manager Nick Thompson presented this item. Carter, Tyronne asked why the original contract was a sole source. Thompson stated this was the only vendor of the software at the time and the agency wants to maintain consistency as projects have been added.

Motion by Carter, Toni, seconded by Carter, Tyronne. **Motion carried, consent to Council**.

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Policy/legal reference: FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy

Staff prepared/presented: Lesley Kandaras, General Manager, 612-349-7513
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Division/department: Metro Transit/Planning and Capital Programs

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Background

In February 2020, the Council executed sole source contract 19P343 with Trimble, Inc. (then e-Builder, Inc.) in the amount of $644,875.50 to provide project management software services for the METRO Green Line, Green Line Extension, and Blue Line Extension Light Rail Transit (LRT) Projects through December 31, 2022.

The contract has subsequently been amended as follows:

- Amendment No. 1 increased the contract by $1,620,617.49 to incorporate the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project and add additional annual software license fees to extend the contract through December 31, 2026, resulting in a contract value of $2,265,492.99.

Amendment No. 2 is required to incorporate the Gold Line BRT Extension Project and add $300,000.00 to the contract value to extend the contract through December 31, 2027.

Rationale

Council policy requires amendments to service contracts with an original contract price of $2,000,000 or less, where the value of cumulative amendments either exceed $2,000,000 or 10 percent of the original authorized contract value, be approved by the Metropolitan Council. Amendments to contracts that exceed 10% of the original value constitute sole source procurements requiring Council approval.

Thrive lens analysis

The Council adopted Imagine 2050 on February 12, 2025, which builds on policy direction in the following Thrive MSP 2040 outcomes:

Stewardship: Transit investment provides an opportunity to reinvest and grow the capacity of our communities, with more inclusive development and intentional investment. It encourages businesses to invest in communities, which means access to resources, community amenities, jobs, and other community assets.

Equity: Connections to other METRO lines and countless local bus routes will bring people to jobs, jobs to communities, and access to communities across the region.

Livability: These transit lines will connect southwest, northwest, and east metro communities with downtown Minneapolis, downtown Saint Paul, and other destinations throughout the metro.

Prosperity: These transit lines reflect strategic investment in regional infrastructure that will promote economic competitiveness and create prosperity for the region. There is significant private development planned, underway, and completed along all three lines.

Sustainability: As many as 700,000 more people will be living, working, and moving around the Twin Cities region by 2040. As a result, a robust transportation system is needed to provide the region with choices and more mobility.

Funding

The cost for this amendment is eligible under the METRO Green Line Extension (61001), Blue Line Extension (61403), Gold Line (61402), and Gold Line Extension (61501) Projects. Funds are available in the Projects' budgets and included in the Council's authorized capital budget.

Small business inclusion

This contract was originally procured through a sole source. Therefore, the Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Programs did not assign a Disadvantaged Business Goal (DBE) goal.