
Sponsor: Public Works

Meeting Date: 1/11/2022

Title: Project Labor Agreements for Public Works 2022 Construction and Pavement Preservation Projects

File Number: 2021-758

Background and Rationale:

As per Resolution B2018-246, a decision must be made by the Ramsey County Board regarding the use of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) prior to the release of a solicitation for a construction project over \$175,000. Public Works has evaluated whether PLAs should be used on projects in the 2022 construction and pavement preservation project including the following:

Cleveland Avenue	Como Avenue to Larpenteur Avenue	Construction
County Road B	Dale Street to Rice Street	Preservation
County Road B2	at Lexington Avenue	Construction
Hugo Road	Park Avenue to County Road J	Preservation
Jackson Street	Arlington Avenue to Larpenteur Avenue	Preservation
Lexington Avenue	TH 36 to County Road C2	Preservation
Lexington Avenue	County Road E to I-694	Construction
Lexington Parkway	Shepard Road to W. 7th Street	Construction
Randolph Avenue	I-35E to W. 7th Street	Preservation
Rice Street	County Road B2 to Owasso Boulevard N.	Preservation
Saint Paul Avenue	Edgumbe Road to Cleveland Avenue	Preservation
South Shore Boulevard	White Bear Avenue to County Road F	Construction

On December 1, 2021, notices requesting input on the use of a PLA on 2022 projects were sent to the following interested parties per the PLA Policy:

- Asian American Chamber of Commerce in Minnesota
- Associated Builders & Contractors of MN/ND
- Associated General Contractors of Minnesota
- Latino Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota
- Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce
- Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce
- National Association of Minority Contractors, Upper Midwest
- Saint Paul Building and Construction Trades Council
- US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce

One response was received from Saint Paul Building and Construction Trades Council, recommending against the use of a PLA.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Determine that Project Labor Agreements shall not be used on any 2022 construction or pavement preservation projects.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board