

Request for Board Action Details

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

Recommendation

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

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.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☐ Well-being ☐ Prosperity ☒ Opportunity ☐ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

The PLA requests are sent to several diverse councils and groups for their input on whether PLAs should be utilized on projects. In the past, Public Works received comments that PLAs negatively affect small, minority, and/or women-owned businesses. This year however, only one response was received, and it did not reference any impacts to small/minority/women-owned businesses.

Community Participation Level and Impact

As identified above, a notice was electronically mailed out to the parties identified seeking their comments back on the use of PLA agreements. Based on that feedback, Public Works developed its recommended approach for 2022. No further community engagement is needed for the PLA agreements. As each project identified above moves towards construction, community engagement will be done based on the needs and impacts of that project in that community.

☒ Inform ☒ Consult ☐ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

Fiscal Impact

Funding for the 2022 Construction and Pavement Preservation projects is included in the 2022 Public Works Capital Improvement Program budget.

County Manager Comments

No additional comments.

Last Previous Action

On September 18, 2018, the Ramsey County Board amended the Administrative Code for Project Labor Agreements on construction projects threshold amount to \$175,000, in accordance with Minnesota Statute section 471.345, subdivision 3 (Resolution B2018-246).

Attachments

1. PLA Sample Letter
2. PLA Response Received
3. 2022 Construction and Pavement Preservation Project List