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EXPLANATION OF STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT: The Expo Center Park and Ride is a component of Project Connect Implementation and required for successful electric bus charging and revenue service on the Expo Center Rapid Line.

BUSINESS CASE: The Expo Center Park & Ride is the northern terminus of the FTA grant funded Expo Center Rapid Line. The all clean, quiet electric buses for the Rapid line need to charge at the Expo Center Park & Ride. This project is critical for Project Connect and FTA Grant completion. The funding for this contract is included in the FY 2024 capital budget.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: This item was presented and recommended for approval at the Operations, Planning and Safety Committee meeting on March 18, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Capital Metro recently completed the acquisition of eight acres for a park and ride funded through the Project Connect Initial Implementation Plan adjacent to the Travis County Exposition Center and the City of Austin's Walter E. Long Park. The park and ride is located at the northern terminus of the FTA grant-funded Expo Center Rapid Line and contains approximately 140 customer parking spaces and eight bus bays that include electric bus charging. This resolution is for the approval of the construction contract necessary to construct this facility.

DBE/SBE PARTICIPATION: A 15% SBE goal was placed on this project based on availability of subcontract opportunities. The vendor committed to 15.01% and SBE participation will be tracked during the term of the contract.

PROCUREMENT: This procurement was conducted in accordance with the Competitive Sealed Proposal Method in Texas Government Code Title 10, Subtitle F, Chapter 2269, Subchapter D. On September 29, 2023, a Request for Proposal was issued and formally advertised. Five (5) proposals were received by the closing date of December 01, 2023. All five (5) proposals were evaluated, rated, and ranked based on the following technical evaluation criteria: (1) The offeror's demonstrated relevant work experience and capabilities of the firm as a whole (including commercial/industrial electrical projects) as well as proposed project personnel and any subcontractors on projects of a similar size, scope, complexity, and nature; (2) The extent to which the offeror demonstrated an adequate understanding of the requirements (including industrial and commercial electrical capabilities), technical applications and approach; and (3) The offeror's demonstrated ability to adequately meet project schedule by the specified dates outlined in the solicitation. Based on the weighted evaluation criteria, the proposal from MA Smith Contracting Company, Incorporated is determined to represent the best value to the Authority, price and other factors considered. The total contract award amount is \$17,318,834.50. This resolution requests authorization for 20% contingency funding in addition to this contract award amount.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: Capital Construction, Engineering and Design

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS**

AI-2024-1078

WHEREAS, Capital Metro is constructing the Expo Center Park and Ride funded through Project Connect; and

WHEREAS, the facility will provide customers with access to the FTA grant funded Expo Center Rapid Line with ten minute peak frequency from the underserved northeast area of Austin to downtown, the University of Texas, and educational, retail, and medical facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors ratifies the board's prior approval, at its meeting on March 25, 2024, of a resolution authorizing the President & CEO, or her designee, to finalize and execute a contract with M.A. Smith Contracting Company, Inc. for construction of the Expo Center Park and Ride for \$17,318,834 plus \$3,463,767 representing 20% contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$20,782,602.

Secretary of the Board
Becki Ross

Date: _____