


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES AND PROCUREMENT

ROBERT C. WHITE, JR., CHAIR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Robert C. White Jr.
Chair, Committee on Facilities and Procurement 
DATE: October 15, 2020
RE: Requests for the October 20, 2020 Legislative Meeting

I request that the following measures be agendized for the October 20, 2020 Legislative Meeting:

Emergency Legislation at the Request of the Mayor

- “Contract No. DCAM-20-AE-0008 with Shinberg Levinas Architectural Design, Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”
- “Contract No. DCAM-20-AE-0008 with Shinberg Levinas Architectural Design, Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2020”

The proposed contract with Shinberg Levinas Architectural Design, Inc. for architectural/engineering Services in the aggregate amount of \$3,871,848.00 establishes the total contract value and final design fee for the project to renovate and modernize the design for School-within-School at Goding Elementary School located in Ward 6. This school has yet to receive a complete modernization. Once completed, the school will be in line with DCPS educational specifications, and have an increased capacity of 350 students. The selected contractor is a small business certified by DSLBD.

This contract was initiated as a letter contract. The project now requires approval for the full definitized contract.

Bell Architects, PC and Newman Architects, PC filed a protest challenging the exclusion of parties from participating in the solicitation. On March 3, 2020, the Department filed separate motions to dismiss the protests as moot because the District accepted, and was evaluating, the protesters’ responses to the Solicitations. Subsequently, the CAB dismissed the protest with prejudice.

- “Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Fiscal Year 2021 to 2026 Dedicated Funding Grant Agreement Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”
- “Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Fiscal Year 2021 to 2026 Dedicated Funding Grant Agreement Emergency Approval Resolution of 2020”

This proposed emergency legislation is for a proposed grant agreement with Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for dedicated funding for capital improvements to maintain WMATA’s assets in a state of good repair. The grant agreement amount is \$1,154,611,166 for fiscal years 2021-2026, which is based on an initial amount of \$178.5 million

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in Fiscal Year 2021 and a maximum 3% increase each subsequent fiscal year for five years. Currently, there is no plan between the parties to increase the amount from the Fiscal Year 2021 amount. The grant agreement would be for a total of six years.

Council action is necessary to approve this multi-year grant agreement over \$1 million. WMATA's fiscal year 2021 began July 1, 2020 and the District of Columbia government is past due to make its first payment for the fiscal year.

WMATA is obligated to use the funding to rehabilitate and maintain the WMATA transit system and to replace rail cars, buses, and other key transit assets to avert a transportation crisis threatening the continued health and vitality of the transit system and jeopardizing the public investment.