



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: April 4, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: Consider and addendum to the Grand Rapids Autonomous Vehicle Master Services Agreement (MSA)

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BACKGROUND:

In April 2021, MnDOT approved a total of approximately \$1.6M of funding for the CAV Challenge goMARTI.com shuttle project, with the majority of the MnDOT CAV Challenge funding going toward Community Engagement and Project Management tasks. The remaining project funding for the shuttle testing and shuttle operations is coming from local partners including the City of Grand Rapids, IRRR, Blandin, and others.

The MnDOT CAV Challenge award has been in contract negotiations and is now in pre-award audit, with final contracting/notice to proceed now anticipated in June 2022. MnDOT has explained that the delays are due to a variety of internal hurdles including the recent change of the Commissioner and other staffing shortages and changes internally.

This Addendum and the contract with the Plum Catalyst (next agenda item) is being put in place because MnDOT recognizes the impact this final contracting date could have on the overall project plan and schedule and has agreed to shift the CAV Challenge funding from the Project Management and Community Engagement Tasks to instead cover the equivalent amount in the Task 5 (Shuttle Testing). The shift in the contract scopes thereby allows the project to launch the Community Engagement as scheduled, in April 2022, and launch the shuttle testing and service in September 2022 as scheduled in the project plan, with no additional costs to either agency.

The Addendum to the MSA reduces the contract cost with May Mobility by \$78,550, which will be used to fund the contract with the Plum Catalyst (next agenda item) for performing Project Management and Community Engagement tasks.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to approve the addendum to the Grand Rapids Autonomous Vehicle Master Services Agreement (MSA)