

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2009-58

A motion of the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to exercise a contract option with HNTB Corporation to provide continuation of on-call railroad engineering services, and to amend the contract in the amount of \$250,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Background:

The HNTB on-call engineering consultant contract was competitively procured in 2007. The purpose of the on-call contract is to assist the agency in addressing railroad engineering issues as they arise for Sounder capital or operations projects. The Capital Projects Department and the Sounder Operations Division jointly fund the on-call contract budget. The contract duration was for two years with an option to extend the contract for one additional year.

Since 2007, seven task orders have been issued under this contract. The various tasks included cost estimate reviews, feasibility analyses, independent technical reviews, and development of contract design packages for small works projects. HNTB's local presence has been of significant value to the agency in terms of its ability to respond quickly to requests for proposals and performance of assigned tasks. Most recently, HNTB has provided an independent technical review of the 30% design submittal for the D Street to M Street Track and Signal Improvements project.

The D Street to M Street Track and Signal Project will require additional independent technical review for the 75% and 100% design submittals. It is both cost effective and efficient to have HNTB continue with the independent technical reviews for the project instead of acquainting a new consultant team with the details of the project. In addition, HNTB is a locally based firm providing quick turnaround reviews, meeting directly with Sound Transit and the designer of record, Parsons Brinckerhoff.

The project design schedule has been compressed following lengthy negotiations with the City of Tacoma. The D Street to M Street Track and Signal Project's 75% design submittal will be transmitted in August 2009 and the 100% design submittal will be transmitted in October 2009. The Invitation for Bid for construction is scheduled to be advertised in December 2009. Sound Transit's milestone event opening the Lakewood-to-Tacoma extension for revenue service is scheduled for Spring 2012.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Sound Transit prepared and issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Lakewood to Tacoma Commuter Rail and SR-512 Park and Ride Expansion in May 2002 which covered the proposed locations for the two commuter rail stations in South Tacoma and Lakewood, track and signal improvements and extensions from Tacoma to Lakewood, and a new layover yard at Camp Murray. A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued by FTA in December 2002. FTA approved a NEPA Reevaluation in February 2007 which evaluated, among other design changes and new information, the proposed change of location of the layover facility from Camp Murray to Lakewood after Camp Murray became unavailable. On November 28, 2007, FTA approved another NEPA Reevaluation which evaluated the impacts of a new alignment in the D to M Street segment in Tacoma (Modified Alternative 3 with a grade separated railroad bridge at Pacific in Tacoma). In compliance with SEPA, a SEPA Addendum was issued on December 4, 2007 which also evaluated the impacts of Modified Alternative 3. NEPA and SEPA documentation and compliance are complete for the set of proposed Lakewood to Tacoma commuter rail improvements authorized to date by the Sound Transit Board, including the D to M Street segment.

Motion:

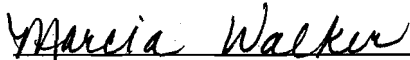
It is hereby moved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to exercise a contract option with HNTB Corporation to provide continuation of on-call railroad engineering services, and to amend the contract in the amount of \$250,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$750,000.

APPROVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on July 2, 2009.



Fred Butler
Finance Committee Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator