

SOUND TRANSIT

RESOLUTION NO. R98-36

WSDOT/ST Agreement for Design Services at King Street Station BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
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ACTION:

The Finance Committee is requested to approve and authorize the execution of Sound Transit's agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for design work at the King Street Station. The project agreement will establish a cooperative relationship for the *Sounder* Commuter Rail Department to use WSDOT's architectural services consultant, Otak, Incorporated, for commuter rail station design services at the King Street Station. Upon Board approval WSDOT will amend its contract with Otak, Inc. to include design of the Sound Transit station elements.

BACKGROUND:

The *Sounder* Commuter Rail Department is developing commuter rail service for the Tacoma-to-Seattle corridor. The corridor will include a minimum of five commuter rail stations that will include, at minimum, the following facilities:

- Platforms and canopies
- Americans with Disabilities Act and special access related improvements
- Track improvements in the station area
- Pedestrian improvements, including grade separations, as required
- Fare collection/ticket vending machines
- Lighting
- Passenger safety and security elements
- Bicycle storage
- Other facilities and improvements, as appropriate

The King Street Station, located in the City of Seattle, is the northern terminus on the Tacoma-to-Seattle commuter rail corridor. The station will also serve the Everett and Lakewood corridors as they are brought on line. King Street Station requires design modification and relocation of the passenger platforms and related facilities to adequately provide commuter rail service. The *Sounder* department is proposing to utilize the services of WSDOT's consultant, Otak, Incorporated, to perform the necessary design of the Sound Transit station elements.

Currently, WSDOT is the lead government agency managing the restoration of the King Street Station. WSDOT has contracted with Otak to provide architectural design services, as has Amtrak for its intercity passenger improvements and the City of Seattle for its related pedestrian improvements.

This agreement will authorize Sound Transit to coordinate with WSDOT in obtaining architectural services through their contract with Otak, Inc., and permit reimbursement of the directly related costs.

RELEVANT BOARD POLICIES AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN:

- ◆ Adoption of *Sound Move*, The Ten-Year Regional Transit System Plan (May 31, 1996)
- ◆ Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with WSDOT, Resolution No. 99 (October 23, 1997) *Authorizes Sound Transit to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with WSDOT establishing a cooperative relationship for the construction, ownership, and operation of high-capacity transportation capital facilities.*
- ◆ Adoption of Fiscal Year 1998 Budget, Resolution No. 101 (December 11, 1997)
- ◆ Adoption of Resolution 78-1 (April 9, 1998) *Grants the Finance Committee authority to execute contracts up to \$5,000,000, and allows the Board to authorize non-standard procurements, such as sole source and special circumstance procurements.*

KEY FEATURES:

- ◆ On June 10, 1998 the Federal Transit Administration issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Tacoma-to-Seattle Commuter Rail project based on an Environmental Assessment prepared by Sound Transit. Sound Transit subsequently adopted the Environmental Assessment in compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Because of Sound Transit's adopted schedule and the issuance of a FONSI by the FTA and adoption of the Environmental Assessment in compliance with SEPA, design work can proceed.
- ◆ Adoption of this resolution will allow Sound Transit to begin design work in coordination with WSDOT, the City of Seattle, and Amtrak on the station and related design improvements.

FUNDING:

This amount is within the adopted design budget. The station design costs for the King Street Station is included in the overall 1998 Sound Transit budget adopted on December 11, 1997. The total estimated cost for station design is \$566,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Sound Transit Board could choose not to establish an agreement with WSDOT and procure their own design through a competitive process. If Sound Transit were to pursue this option, there could be a delay of commuter rail start-up operations (scheduled for late-1999 for the Tacoma-to-Seattle corridor). Additionally, significant complications in the coordination of multiple design efforts already underway by several agencies would be experienced.

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY:

Sound Transit, WSDOT, and Otak are ready to initiate work immediately after the adoption of the resolution. The King Street Station is the northern terminal of the Tacoma-to-Seattle commuter rail corridor. Delay in approving this project agreement could consequently delay the *Sounder's* start-up commuter rail service in late 1999.

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A RESOLUTION of the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a project agreement between ST and WSDOT for the Sounder Commuter Rail Department to use WSDOT's architectural services consultant, Otak, Incorporated, for commuter rail station design services at the King Street Station, in an amount not to exceed \$566,000.

WHEREAS, a Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) has been created for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1996, Central Puget Sound area voters approved local funding for Sound Move, the ten-year plan for regional high-capacity transit in the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, the Sound Move ten-year plan includes station design work for the commuter rail stations along the Tacoma-to-Seattle corridor; and

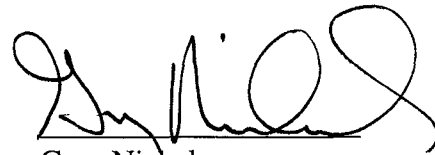
WHEREAS, on October 23, 1997, the Sound Transit Board of Directors authorized the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Sound Transit (ST) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to establish a cooperative relationship for the construction, ownership, and operation of high capacity transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, this government agreement will authorize ST to coordinate with WSDOT in obtaining architectural services through their consultant contract with Otak, Incorporated for station design work for the King Street Station. Design work is to begin after the adoption of the

resolution to allow Sound Transit to coordinate with WSDOT, City of Seattle, and Amtrak on the design station and related improvements.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute a project agreement between ST and WSDOT for the Sounder Commuter Rail Department to use WSDOT's architectural services consultant, Otak, Incorporated, for commuter rail station design services at the King Street Station, in an amount not to exceed \$566,000.

ADOPTED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of July 1998.



Greg Nickels
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator