

STAFF REPORT

SOUND TRANSIT MOTION NO. M2000- 53 AND M2000-54

Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Documentation for Eastgate Direct Access BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	7/6/00	Discussion/Possible Action	Agnes Govern, Director, Regional Express Vicki Cannard, Project Manager, Capital Projects	(206) 398-5037 (206) 398-5024

PROPOSED ACTION

Approval of two Finance Committee motions for preliminary design and environmental review for the Eastgate Direct Access Project. The first motion, Motion No. M2000-53, authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with HNTB for an amount not to exceed \$1,838,100 and authorizes a 10% contingency reserve of \$183,810 for a total authorized contract amount of \$2,021,910. The second motion, Motion No. M2000-54, authorizes the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for an amount not to exceed \$289,100 and authorizes a 10% contingency reserve of \$28,910 for a total authorized contract amount of \$318,010 for agency project services. The total amount being requested for approval is \$2,339,920.

KEY FEATURES

Highlights of Proposed Action:

- ◆ Authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with HNTB for an amount not to exceed \$1,838,100 and authorizes a 10% contingency reserve of \$183,810 for a total authorized contract amount of \$2,021,910.
- ◆ Authorizes the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for an amount not to exceed \$289,100 and authorizes a 10% contingency reserve of \$28,910 for a total authorized contract amount of \$318,010 for agency project services.
- ◆ The project will increase speed and reliability of buses and carpools to and from the I-90 HOV lanes and the Eastgate Park-and-Ride lot. Sound Move includes \$29 million (1995\$) for its development with scheduled completion in 2006. The project is currently scheduled in the 2000 Budget for completion in 2005.
- ◆ King County Metro is expanding the existing Eastgate Park-and-Ride lot by 1,000 stalls. Scheduled completion is 2003.

Discussion of Proposed Action:

Appendix A of Sound Move includes \$29 million (1995\$) for HOV Direct Access at the Eastgate Park-and-Ride lot in the City of Bellevue. The project will increase speed and reliability of buses and carpools to and from the I-90 HOV lanes and the Eastgate Park-and-Ride lot. Motion No. M2000-53 secures necessary consultant services required to evaluate concepts for the I-90 HOV Direct Access and identify a preferred alternative to be developed for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation.

Because this project will be constructed within WSDOT right-of-way, Motion No. M2000-54 secures WSDOT project support services. These services include providing guidance to the PE/ED consultant throughout the preliminary design, environmental documentation and design file efforts, and processing documents submitted for review and/or approval. This agreement is consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding executed with WSDOT, October 23, 1997, establishing a cooperating relationship regarding the Regional Express/HOV program.

The PE/ED work is anticipated to last two years, starting in July 2000 and ending in June 2002.

BUDGET

The Sound Transit 2000 Budget, adopted November 1999, includes \$2,109,000 (YOE \$) for PE/ED. The total amount requested for PE/ED is \$2,339,900, including Expenditures to Date, the contracts for HNTB and WSDOT and Sound Transit contingency. This amount exceeds the budget by \$282,900. As such, it would require shifting budget authority to PE/ED from the final design phase in FY 2002. The shift would not cause a necessary increase in the project budget.

Total Project Budget	Budget for this Task (A)	Expenditures to Date (B)	Total Amount Requested (C)	Shortfall* or Surplus (A-[B+C])
\$29,000,000 (1995\$)			\$2,339,900 (YOES)	
\$37,920,000 (YOES)	\$2,109,000 (YOES)	\$52,000 (YOES)		(\$282,900)

ALTERNATIVES

The following alternatives are available for Finance Committee action:

1. Award the contract by motion to HNTB for PE/ED services and authorize the Executive Director to execute a project agreement with WSDOT for the Eastgate Direct Access Project.
2. Do not award the contract to HNTB for PE/ED services nor authorize the Executive Director to execute a project agreement with WSDOT for the Eastgate Direct Access Project; provide direction to negotiate changes.

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

In the event the Finance Committee directs staff to renegotiate or revise provisions of the agreement, work on the project would be delayed. This would result in not meeting the HOV access ramp completion date of 2005 as shown in the Sound Transit 2000 Budget.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION

The Eastgate Direct Access project will be constructed within WSDOT right-of-way. As a result WSDOT will provide guidance to the PE/ED consultant throughout preliminary engineering and environmental documentation. Coordination with King County Metro and the City of Bellevue will also be key to the successful completion of this phase of the project. Work to date with the City of Bellevue and King County Metro has resulted in an endorsement by the City of the County's plans to expand the Eastgate Park-and-Ride lot by up to 1,000 stalls. This coordination will continue throughout the PE/ED work for both projects.

LEGAL REVIEW

MBL 6/20/00

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2000-53

A motion of the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with HNTB for the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation for Eastgate Direct Access Project in the City of Bellevue, in an amount not to exceed \$1,838,100, and an additional authorization of a 10% contingency of \$183,810, for a total authorized contract amount of \$2,021,910.

Background:

Sound Move calls for the development of the Eastgate Direct Access Project in the City of Bellevue. The Sound Transit adopted 2000 Budget includes \$37,920,000 (in YOES) for development of this project. This motion would secure the consultant services of HNTB for \$1,838,100 to complete the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation for the project. An additional 10% contingency of \$183,810 is requested to be authorized to cover possible changes in the work for a total authorized contract amount of \$2,021,910.

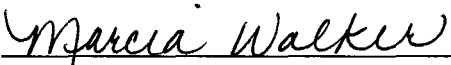
Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director be authorized to execute a contract for preliminary engineering and environmental documentation to the consulting firm of HNTB for an amount not to exceed \$1,838,100 and that a 10% contingency of \$183,810 be authorized to pay for changes in the work, if required, for the development of the Eastgate Direct Access Project in the City of Bellevue for a total authorized contract amount of \$2,021,910.

Approved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region at a regular meeting thereof on the 6th day of July, 2000.


Greg Nickels
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator