

STAFF REPORT

SOUND TRANSIT MOTION NO. M2000-74

Approval to Execute Security Services Contract

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Board of Directors	8-10-00	Discussion/Possible Action	Jeff Benoit, Security Chief	(206)398-5006

PROPOSED ACTION

Approval of Motion No.M2000-74 authorizes the Executive Director to execute a three-year contract with the Wackenhut Corporation for “unarmed” security services for Sounder Commuter Rail (\$3,303,497) and Sound Transit’s administration buildings (\$856,732) for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$4,160,230.

KEY FEATURES

Highlights of Proposed Action:

- ◆ Authorizes the Executive Director to execute a three-year contract with The Wackenhut Corporation to provide unarmed security officers for Sounder Commuter Rail (\$3,303,497) and Sound transit’s administration Buildings (\$856,732) for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$4,160,230.
- ◆ Contract duration is three years - September 15, 2000 through September 15, 2003. The services to be provided under this contract include but are not limited to: Providing security personnel to patrol and monitor Sounder Commuter Rail stations, platforms, parking facilities, and Sound Transit’s administrative buildings.

Discussion of Proposed Action:

As directed by the Sound Transit Board, through the adoption of Motion No. M2000-32, Sound Transit advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for “unarmed” security services for Sounder Commuter Rail and Sound Transit’s administration buildings. Criterion included: firm experience and history, knowledge and experience of key individuals, project approach, project organization and employee training program, DBE/Small Business Enterprise Participation, EEO commitment, and cost. Sound Transit received four proposals. Based on the criterion, the selection committee rated the Wackenhut Corporation substantially higher than the other firms that submitted proposals. The Wackenhut Corporation will provide “unarmed” security officers to augment local law enforcement officers and increase the physical presence of uniformed authority. Security Officers will respond to a variety of issues

that do not require commissioned police officers. They will patrol rail stations, park and rides, parking garages, provide security for various administration and storage facilities, and assist passengers.

BUDGET

Sound Transit’s security budget is an element within the approved 2000 budget, as adopted by the Board by Resolution No. R99-33 on November 18, 1999.

For Sounder, the budget document discretely identifies security only in the year 2000 (pp. 67 and 69), though planning for security in future years is reflected in the total shown for Operations and Maintenance budgets. Budget for 2001-2006 is found in the budget of the various track and facilities projects (#100, #110, #120, #130), on pages 79-82. The security budget for 2001 and beyond is reflected in the Sounder 2000 Business Plan.

The security budget for Administration is part of the operating budget, and itemized in the budget document for the year 2000 within each department’s respective operating budget (pp. 67, 69, 115, 146, 221, 225, 235, 242, 259 and 275). The Agency Administration’s security budget for future years is not discretely identified in the budget document, but is reflected as an element of the Agency Administration’s Regional Fund budget on page 279.

Committing these funds will not endanger any other project elements that are to be funded out of the respective phases of the budget. The following table presents the available budget as it relates to expenditures and the impact of this action:

Table 1: Sounder and Administrative Budget for Security

Department	Total 10-Year Operations Budget	10-Year Budget for Security (A)	Security Expenditures to Date³ (B)	Total Amount Requested (C)	Surplus (A-[B+C])
Sounder	\$163,749,727	\$12,952,147 ¹	0	\$ 3,303,497	\$ 9,648,650
Administration	\$66,021,000	See note ²	\$198,356	\$ 856,732	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	\$198,356	\$ 4,160,230	N/A

¹ Corresponds to Board Approved 2000 Budget, though not discretely identified in it beyond 2000.

² Administration Security Budget is not discretely identified beyond 2000 in the budget document.

³ Expenditures through April 2000, as reported in Motion No. M2000-57.

ALTERNATIVES

Sound Transit could extend the temporary contract with The Wackenhut Corporation until staff re-procures for permanent security services.

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

With Sounder service beginning in September 2000, delaying the security contract will put staff and security personnel in a reactive role rather than a more preferred proactive role in regard to planning and training. While Sound Transit could extend the existing temporary security contract to include Sounder facilities until a decision is made; an authorizing board action would be required. The current temporary contract expires in September of 2000.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION

N/A

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

MBL 7-28-2000

SOUND TRANSIT

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Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a three-year contract with the Wackenhut Corporation for "unarmed" security services for Sounder Commuter Rail (\$3,303,497) and Sound Transit's administration buildings (\$856,732) for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$4,160,230.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 10th day of August, 2000.


David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator