SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2003-124

A motion of the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute an amendment to the agreement with Puget Sound Energy to relocate natural gas lines for the Link Initial Segment in the amount of \$740,000 for a total agreement amount of \$2,300,000, with a contingency of \$190,000, and a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$2,490,000.

Background:

The construction of the Link Light Rail project requires the relocation or protection of a number of natural gas facilities located along the Link Light Rail alignments. In 2001, Sound Transit and Puget Sound Energy (PSE) developed an agreement representing a negotiated effort for allocation of natural gas line relocation costs in a manner that defined schedule and costs and minimized the potential of delay and cost associated with any legal action. The agreement applies only to natural gas line utility relocation and only to the Link Light Rail project.

This proposed amendment provides additional funding for the increased gas relocation work required in the Martin Luther Kin (MLK) Jr. Way S. corridor. The initial Sound Transit/PSE budget was based on relocating gas mains directly impacted by proposed track along MLK Jr. Way S. During design, it was determined that relocation of other existing utilities such as water, sewer, drainage as well as the undergrounding of electric, phone and cable TV created conflict with the existing gas mains. Most gas mains need to be relocated along MLK Jr. Way S., increasing natural gas relocation costs.

PSE will pay its share of the additional relocation work in accordance with the master agreement entered into with Sound Transit. PSE will also fund 100% of the cost of system betterments, (upsizing mains).

The requested funding is programmed for Central Link and excludes North Link and Airport Link.

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 execute an amendment to the agreement with Puget Sound Energy to relocate natural gas lines for the Link Initial Segment in the amount of \$740,000 for a total agreement amount of \$2,300,000, with a contingency of \$190,000, and a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$2,490,000.

APPROVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on December 3, 2003.

Keyin Phelps Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST: Jarcia Walker

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