

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2004-39

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing HNTB Corporation to continue its engineering work and authorizing Stacy and Witbeck to mobilize its forces and to purchase the supplies, materials, and equipment necessary to repair the Reservation Junction to Freighthouse Square retained earth fill embankment and track bed structure and delegating contract approval authority to the Finance Committee.

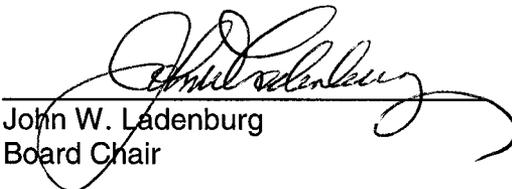
Background:

In October 2003, the Chief Executive Officer authorized an emergency sole source contract with HNTB Corporation to evaluate the structural integrity of the earth fill embankment and track bed of the Reservation Junction to Freighthouse Square project and to recommend remedial action, if any, deemed necessary to repair the wall. As a result of HNTB's analysis, Sound Transit concluded that commuter rail trains should not travel on the embankment wall until it is repaired. David Evans and Associates, the engineer of record, has developed an initial repair plan that requires additional construction and the installation of pilings at the base of the wall. Stacy and Witbeck, who constructed the embankment using a proprietary design method, is the only contractor immediately available with specific technical knowledge of the constructability issues associated with the repair work. Because it is the only practical alternative to perform the repair work without delay, Sound Transit has employed Stacy and Witbeck to prepare a cost estimate for the repair work and, subject to Board approval, to construct the repairs. David Evans and Associates and Stacy and Witbeck have completed the majority of the design and construction planning work and expect to deliver both the final construction repair plans and the bid proposal to Sound Transit between April 9 and April 15, 2004.

Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that in order to complete the initial repair work and restore commuter-rail service to Freighthouse Square without unnecessary delay, (1) HNTB's emergency contract is hereby ratified; (2) subject to the Chief Executive Officer's advance written approval of the costs, Stacy and Witbeck is authorized to incur the costs necessary to mobilize to begin the construction of the repairs (including, but not limited to, labor, materials, supplies, and equipment), pursuant to the terms of its existing construction contract with Sound Transit until the bid proposal and construction contract are presented to the Finance Committee for approval; and (3) the Board's authority to approve the final construction bid and any necessary contract or contract amendment with HNTB and/or Stacy and Witbeck is hereby delegated to the Finance Committee, subject to later ratification by the Board in accordance with law.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on April 8, 2004.


John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator