

**SOUND TRANSIT  
STAFF REPORT**

**MOTION NO. M2007-30**

**Permit Coordination Services for University Link**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Type of Action:</b>	<b>Staff Contact:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
Finance Committee	02/15/07	Discussion/Possible Action	Ahmad Fazel, Link Executive Director John Harrison, Link Deputy Executive Director <b>Terry Beals, Link Permit Manager</b>	(206) 398-5389 (206) 398-5309 (206) 398-5237

<b>Contract/Agreement Type:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Requested Action:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Competitive Procurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Execute New Contract/Agreement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sole Source	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amend Existing Contract/Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agreement with Other Jurisdiction(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Budget Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Real Estate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Property Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/>

**PROJECT NAME**

University Link – Pine Street Stub Tunnel (PSST) to University of Washington (UW) Station

**PROPOSED ACTION**

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract with ESA/Adolfson to provide permit coordination services for University Link in the amount of \$276,000, with a 10% contingency of \$27,600 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$303,600.

**KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION**

- The purpose of this action is to coordinate critical time-sensitive land use permits required by the City of Seattle prior to the start of construction.
- University Link is comprised of approximately 3.1 miles of running tunnels with two below ground stations, one on Capitol Hill and one at Husky Stadium. ESA/Adolfson will provide professional services to Link’s permit manager in the preparation and submittal of key land use permit applications with the City of Seattle and other local government agencies.

## BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY

There is no action outside of the Board-adopted budget; there are no contingency funds required, no subarea impacts, or funding required from other parties other than what is already assumed in the financial plan.

## BUDGET and FINANCIAL PLAN DISCUSSION

The proposed action would authorize execution of a contract with ESA/Adolfson to provide permit coordination services for University Link in the amount of \$276,000, with a 10% contingency of \$27,600 for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$303,600.

The total current adopted budget for University Link is \$1.514 billion. Within that amount, \$705,000 has been set aside for Permit Consulting within the final design phase. Since currently there are no commitments for this budget line item, approval of the proposed action would result in a remaining balance of \$401,400.

The proposed action is consistent with the current board-adopted budget, and is affordable within the agency's current long-term financial plan and subarea financial capacity. The action will have no new revenue impact on Sound Transit.

## BUDGET TABLE

**Action Item:** ESA/Adolfson (provide permit coordination services for the University Link - PSST to UW Station project)

**(Year of Expenditure \$000)**

University Link	Adopted 2007 Budget (A)	Committed To Date (B)	This Action (C)	Total Committed & Action (D)	Uncommitted (Shortfall) (E)
1 Agency Administration	87,532	8,767		8,767	78,765
2 Preliminary Engineering	24,476	24,872		24,872	(396)
3 Final Design	74,635	50,036	304	50,339	24,296
4 Right of Way	135,261	40,356		40,356	94,905
5 Construction	972,140	9		9	972,131
6 Construction Services	57,911	-		-	57,911
7 Third Party Agreements	19,733	644		644	19,089
8 Vehicles	142,320	-		-	142,320
9 Contingency	-	-		-	-
10 <b>Total Current Budget</b>	<b>1,514,008</b>	<b>124,685</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>124,988</b>	<b>1,389,020</b>
<b>Final Design Phase</b>					
11 Permit Consulting	705	-	304	304	401
12 Other Final Design	73,930	50,036		50,036	23,894
13 <b>Total Phase</b>	<b>74,635</b>	<b>50,036</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>50,339</b>	<b>24,296</b>
<b>Contract Amount</b>					
	Board Approvals to Date (F)	Current Approved Contract Value (G)	Proposed Action (H)	Proposed Total for Board Approval (I)	Proposed Contract Value (J)
14 Contract Amount	-	-	276	276	276
15 Contingency	-	-	28	28	28
16 <b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>304</b>
17 Percent Contingency	0%	0%	10%	10%	10%

(B) COMMITTED TO DATE amounts are from Agency WBS Report as of December 2006 + approved and pending board actions not recorded as of 12/31/06, or submitted after that date.

## **SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION**

### Prime Consultant/Contractor

ESA/Adolfson is the prime consultant for this contract and will perform 100% of the work.

### EEO Commitment

ESA/Adolfson workforce demographics are 53% women, 2% minorities, and 2% persons with disabilities.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION and BACKGROUND for PROPOSED ACTION**

The North Link Final SEIS was published on April 7, 2006, which informed the Board's final decision on the North Link project to be built, including route, station locations, project phasing, and financing. On April 27, 2006, the Sound Transit Board adopted Resolution No. R2006-07, which selected the University Link project to be advanced to final design and property acquisition, followed by construction and operation; in addition to approval of a revised lifetime project budget of \$1.514 billion. The University Link project is a 3.15-mile extension of the Initial Segment of light rail in twin-bored tunnels with two cut-and-cover stations connecting downtown Seattle with Capitol Hill and the University of Washington (UW) campus.

Preliminary Engineering for University Link was completed in spring 2006. Sound Transit transmitted a request for final design approval to the FTA in May 2006. The Record of Decision (ROD) for North Link was issued by the FTA in June 2006, completing the environmental review process. Final Design Authority (FDA) for University Link was received from the FTA on December 11, 2006. Final design of University Link began in December 2006.

The Civil Engineering and Architectural Final Design contract was approved by the Sound Transit Board in November 2006. Sound Transit will also procure two other large final design contracts and several other smaller contracts for University Link. The University Link systems engineering final design consultant procurement process is scheduled to begin in April 2007, with scope tasks including vehicle traction power, communications, signaling, trackwork, and other systems design work.

Through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, ESA/Adolfson was selected as the top-ranked firm on December 21, 2006 to provide permit coordination services in support of the permitting efforts for University Link. ESA/Adolfson will be contracted to provide support in the timely preparation, development, and submittal of critical land use and administrative permit packages with the City of Seattle and other local jurisdictions. Land use permits with the City of Seattle, commonly known as Master Use Permits (MUPs) can take as long as three to four months to prepare and three to four months to review and process. MUPs have public comment and appeal components to them such that if they are appealed to the city's hearing examiner it may result in an additional four months to the issuance process, if a successful outcome to the appeal is achieved.

ESA/Adolfson will also support the efforts in securing other owner-furnished permits with the City of Seattle, such as Project Construction Permits (PCP), issued by Seattle Department of Transportation, temporary noise variances, building permits for the two stations on Capitol Hill and UW Husky Stadium, and electrical permits. Other timely permits will include Utility Franchise Permits with the Washington State Department of Transportation and support in obtaining key approvals for stormwater discharge authorizations with the Department of Ecology and King County Department of Natural Resources.

The first University Link construction contracts are scheduled to be underway by late 2008 and will include advance utility relocation and site demolition work. Station excavation and construction activities would begin in 2009. University Link service would start in 2016.

**Prior Board/Committee Actions on this Project and Relevant Board Policies**

<b>Motion/Resolution Number and Date</b>	<b>Summary of Action</b>
R2006-07 4/27/06	(1) Selected the final route, profile, and station locations for the North Link Light Rail Project; (2) selected the University Link portion of North Link to be constructed and operated as part of the Central Link Light Rail Project, including authorizing the steps necessary to complete final design and implementation of the University Link Project including securing a federal Full Funding Grant Agreement; (3) increased the University Link lifetime Adopted 2006 Budget and revising the annual Adopted 2006 Budget; and (4) for planning purposes reduced the minimum debt service coverage for the North King County subarea to 1.15x for the University Link Finance Plan.

**CONSEQUENCES of DELAY**

A potential delay in construction may exist if permitting is delayed.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Not applicable.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

JI 1/23/2007

**LEGAL REVIEW**

JW 2/9/2007

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A motion of the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with ESA/Adolfson to provide permit coordination services for University Link in the amount of \$276,000, with a 10% contingency of \$27,600 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$303,600.

#### **Background:**

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**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 a contract with ESA/Adolfson to provide permit coordination services for University Link in the amount of \$276,000, with a 10% contingency of \$27,600 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$303,600.

APPROVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on February 15, 2007.

  
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Fred Butler  
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator