

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2008-57

Agreement with King County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement Services

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	6/5/08	Discussion/Possible Action to Recommend Board Approval	Hamid Qaasim, Chief Safety, Security and Quality Assurance Officer	(206) 398-5037
Board	6/12/08	Action	Kenneth Cummins, Chief Security Officer	(206) 398-5322

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

PROJECT NAME

Law enforcement services

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a three-year agreement with two one-year options with the King County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$16,800,000.

KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION

- This action authorizes execution of a three-year agreement, expiring December 31, 2011, with two one-year options to extend.
- The scope of this agreement is for law enforcement services; these services include a contracted police chief and security enforcement for Sound Transit services and facilities. Facilities include Sounder rail stations and park and rides throughout King County with additional funds added for 2009 to include Central Link light rail.
- The King County Sheriff's Office will enforce security concerns outside the scope of the unarmed security officers that operate under a separate contract (Motion No. M2008-56). They will do this by providing a proactive patrol presence; enforcing transit law, fare evasion and safety regulations; responding to nuisance complaints; and investigating reported incidents.
- The contracted police chief will coordinate law enforcement services, develop and implement law enforcement plans for services and facilities, advise Sound Transit's Chief Security Officer of criminal, quality of life and law enforcement issues related to Sound

Transit, develop and schedule training, manage bomb threat procedures and conduct threat and vulnerability assessments of facilities and equipment.

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 will provide law enforcement services at various facilities for Sounder Commuter Rail and on-call services for Central Link Operations and Maintenance (O&M) facilities beginning on July 1, 2008. In July 2009, the proposed contract will add law enforcement services at Central Link stations.

In 2008, the proposed action will be funded through a combination of Sounder Operations budget and Central Link start-up budget. The estimated costs for Sounder in 2008 are \$616,000. Funding for Sounder's portion in 2008 includes \$1,708,123 for Security and Safety. The estimated costs for 2008 for Central Link start-up are estimated at \$250,000. The total budget for Central Link start-up is \$5,929,784.

Budget authority for the 2009 portion of Sounder Commuter Rail will be included in the Sounder Transit Operations budget. From January through August 2009, budget authority for Central Link O&M will be included in start-up budget. Starting September 2009, budget authority for Central Link O&M facilities and stations will be included in Central Link Transit Operations budget. Budget authority beyond 2009 will be included in both Sounder and Central Link Operations budgets.

BUDGET TABLE

The proposed contract is funded through a combination of existing budgets from the Adopted 2008 Budget and the Proposed 2009 Budget. The impact of this contract on the current and future budgets is illustrated below.

Summary for Board Action (X \$1,000)

Action Item: Execute a contract with King County Sheriff to provide law enforcement services at various Sound Transit facilities.

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	Adopted 2008 Budget	Spent to date in 2008	Contract Expenditures 2008	Remaining 2008 Budget	Future Expenditure beyond 2008
Current Year Budget					
Sounder Commuter Rail	1,708	581	616	511	1,916
Link Start-up	5,930	-	250	5,680	8,877
Link Operations	-	-	-	-	4,438
Total	7,638	581	866	6,191	15,231

Contract Spending Plan	Prior Year(s) Spending	2008 Spending	Future Expenditures	Total
King County Sheriff	-	866	15,231	16,096
Total	-	866	15,231	16,096

Contract Budget	Current Approved Contract Value	Spent to Date	Proposed Action	Proposed Total Contract Value
King County Sheriff	-	-	16,096	16,096
Contingency	-	-	-	-
Total Contract	-	-	16,096	16,096
Percent Contingency	-	-	0%	0%

Notes;

¹ Represents Sounder Commuter Rail Safety & Security budget, this can be found on page 55 of the Adopted 2008 Budget book; and Central Link start-up budget, this can be found on page 95 of Adopted 2008 Budget book and is included in construction phase of project 300.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Prime Consultant/Contractor

King County Sheriff's Office is the prime consultant for this contract and will perform 100% of the work.

EEO Commitment

King County Sheriff's Office workforce demographics are 33.5% women and 20% minorities. King County Sheriff's Office has committed to uphold and enforce all applicable state and federal EEO rules and regulations.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION and BACKGROUND for PROPOSED ACTION

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revenue service vehicles and protect them during off-service hours. Lastly, an agreement with the King County Sheriff's Office will provide commissioned police officers to provide law enforcement to the facilities and vehicles by addressing criminal and nuisance activities that require law enforcement officers. Their presence also provides another level of deterrence which, in turn, enhances the security environment for our customers. All three layers will be coordinated through the Sound Transit communications center, which is staffed by unarmed security officers, in order to ensure that the three efforts are posted and deployed effectively and efficiently according to each unit's function.

The scope of the agreement includes law enforcement services for Sound Transit modes and facilities throughout King County. Law enforcement officers enhance physical security presence by responding to issues that require commissioned police officers. Duties shall include the following:

- Provide proactive uniformed patrol presence
- Enforce transit law, fare evasion and safety regulations
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A contracted police chief is included in the agreement. Police chief duties shall include the following:

- Coordinate contracted law enforcement, including scheduling and generating reports
- Coordinate fare enforcement and exclusion programs with Sound Transit's Chief Security Officer
- Develop and implement law enforcement services over existing and new facilities and services
- Advise the Chief Security Officer of criminal, quality of life or commissioned law enforcement issues related to Sound Transit
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Analysis of Contracting Out versus In-House

King County Sheriff's Office provides a unique service that cannot be provided by any other agency. Direct hiring of officers is not feasible because commissioned police officers can only be hired directly with authorization from the State Attorney General. The cost of commissioned police officers is the standard as determined by King County.

Prior Board/Committee Actions

None.

CONSEQUENCES of DELAY

The King County Sheriff's Office currently provides off-duty police officers to patrol various facilities. A delay or denial of this action by the Board could result in an extension of the existing agreement and risk the operating procedures and enforcement program not being place by the time of Central Link's start-up in 2009.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

SSK 5-29-08

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 5/30/08

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a three-year agreement with two one-year options with the King County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$16,800,000.

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Motion:


It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute a three-year agreement with two one-year options with the King County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$16,800,000.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on June 12, 2008.



Claudia Thomas
Board Vice-Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator