

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2009-96

Contract for Replacement Seats on Sounder Vehicles

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	11/5/09	Discussion/Possible Action	Bonnie Todd, Director, Transportation Services; Michael Perry, Deputy Director Transportation Services; Martin Young, Program Manager, Sounder Operations	(206) 398-5367 (206) 398-5115 (206) 398-5442

Contract/Agreement Type:	✓	Requested Action:	✓
Competitive Procurement	✓	Execute New Contract/Agreement	✓
Sole Source		Amend Existing Contract/Agreement	
Agreement with Other Jurisdiction(s)		Budget Amendment	
Real Estate		Property Acquisition	

PROJECT NAME

Sounder Commuter Rail Seat Replacement Project

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a contract with Sedia, Inc. to procure materials and assemble passenger seat cushions for Sounder passenger cars for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,654,203.

KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION

- Authorizes contractor to procure material and assemble passenger seats for replacement on the Sounder passenger car fleet.
- The first Sounder passenger cars were placed in revenue service over nine years ago; this action will provide up to 148 new seats on the entire fleet of 58 Sounder passenger cars.
- The project will be implemented over five years to optimize the useful life of existing seats.

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 contract would be funded by the Sounder transit operations budget. The plan calls for seat replacement in the entire fleet over a five year period.

Specifically, the procurement of the foam will be initiated, materials received and the expense funded by the 2009 Sounder materials and supplies budget line item.

Work in 2010 and beyond will be funded through future transit operations budgets. For 2010, the work identified has a projected cost of \$373,000. This scope has been fully incorporated into the planning for the

Proposed 2010 Budget as published earlier this month. For work occurring in years beyond 2010, the budget will be included in future years' operations budgets. This item has been fully incorporated in agency financial planning. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$4,654,203 over 5 years.

BUDGET TABLE

The proposed contract would be funded by the Sounder transit operations budget as published on Page 60 of the Adopted 2009 Budget, as well as by future years operating budgets. The impact of this transaction on the operations budgets is illustrated below:

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

Action Item: To execute a contract with Sedia, Inc. to provide seat replacement for 58 Sounder vehicles.

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
	Adopted 2009 Budget	Committed To Date	Contract Expenditures 2009	Remaining 2009 Budget
Sounder transit operations budget				
Sounder Materials and Supplies	5,879	2,841	2,383	655
Total	5,879	2,841	2,383	655

Contract Spending Plan	Prior Year(s) Spending	2009 Spending	Future Expenditures	Total
Sedia, Inc.	-	2,383	2,271	4,654
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Contract Budget	Current Approved Contract Value	Spent to Date	Proposed Action	Proposed Total Contract Value
Sedia, Inc.	-	-	4,654	4,654
Contingency	-	-	-	-
Total Contract	-	-	4,654	4,654
Percent Contingency	-	-	0%	0%

Notes:

Adopted 2009 Budget for Sounder is found on Page 60 of the Adopted 2009 Budget Book.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

There are no known contracting opportunities for the contractor for the subject work.

Equal Employment Workforce Profile (% Women/People of Color)

Contractor has workforce demographics of 88% minorities and 53% women. The total number of employees is 75. The contractor has a non-union labor force.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION and BACKGROUND for PROPOSED ACTION

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The project will include purchase and assembly of new foam, fabric and materials for the seat, back, and headrest. Once the seats are assembled, they will be boxed in car-set lots and shipped to Seattle for installation in each car. A specification for the foam, fabric, vinyl and assembly workmanship has been written to provide for warranty, comfort, and environmental specifications. The silicone foam has a warranted service life of at least ten years which exceeds the service life of other alternatives. This will provide for fewer seat replacements over the service life of the rail cars and result in lower operational expense.

The overhaul on all 58 Sounder cars will be completed within five years or by the end of 2013. Seat replacement will begin with cars that have been in service the longest and seats will be replaced in all the vehicles by the end of 2013.

Sound Transit will procure a vendor to install the new seats locally under a separate contract.

CONSEQUENCES of DELAY

The most significant consequence of delay will be customer discomfort, complaints from our passengers and modal image degradation.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

SSK 10-28-09

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 10/29/09

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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 Sedia, Inc. to procure materials and assemble passenger seat cushions for Sounder passenger cars for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,654,203.

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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 Sedia, Inc. to procure materials and assemble passenger seat cushions for Sounder passenger cars for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,654,203.

APPROVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 5, 2009.

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator



Aaron Reardon
Finance Committee Chair