

MOTION NO. M2012-22
Tacoma-to-Lakewood Maintenance of Way Contract

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:	PHONE:
Operations and Administration Committee	05/03/12	Recommendation to Board	Bonnie Todd, Operations Executive Director	206-398-5367
Board	05/24/12	Final Action	Brian Freerks, Commuter Rail Mechanical Superintendent	206-689-4987

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a five-year contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., to provide track, signal and bridge maintenance services for the Sounder Tacoma-to-Lakewood line for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$8,966,000.

KEY FEATURES

- This contract will provide for the required track, signal and bridge maintenance for Sound Transit’s Sounder line from Tacoma-to-Lakewood with an option for maintenance from Lakewood-to-Nisqually. The Lakewood-to-Nisqually option will only be exercised when the WSDOT Point Defiance by-pass project is completed.
- The contract will go into effect once the D-to-M Street construction is completed.
- The Federal Railway Administration (FRA) has progressively higher regulatory standards for track maintenance depending on the speed of the trains operating on the track. Currently the track is maintained for low-speed freight operations only. This scope of this contract will fulfill FRA requirements higher-speed Sounder passenger train operations.
- This contract will provide:
 - Track, signal and bridge maintenance for the Sound Transit–owned Lakewood Line
 - Signal maintenance on the 1.3 miles of Tacoma Rail on which Sounder operates
 - Required FRA inspections
 - Graffiti/Vandalism removal within 24 hours
 - Inspection and repairs for unanticipated maintenance needs
 - Emergency response services as required
 - Ride quality inspections
- The requested amount covers all five years of the contract and the Lakewood-to-Nisqually option.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Sound Transit purchased the Tacoma-to-Nisqually railroad line from BNSF in 2003. The line required improvements to the infrastructure in order to accommodate Sounder commuter and Amtrak intercity operations. The D-to-M Street segment of the line is 1.2 miles and currently under construction, with completion scheduled for this summer. The M-to-Lakewood segment of the line is 7.2 miles.

The Tacoma-to-Lakewood line is 8.4 miles long and includes three stations – the Tacoma Dome, South Tacoma, and Lakewood.

FISCAL INFORMATION

This action will be funded from Sounder Maintenance of Way budget.

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

Action Item: To Execute a contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. to provide maintenance of way for Sounder Tacoma - Lakewood line.

Current Year Budget	Adopted 2012 Budget	Spent to date in 2012	Contract Expenditures 2012	Remaining 2012 Budget
Sounder Maintenance of Way budget	\$ 506	\$ -	\$ 505	\$ 1
Materials and Supplies	\$ 7,373	\$ 778	\$ -	\$ 6,595
Total Budget	\$ 7,879	\$ 778	\$ 505	\$ 6,596

Contract Spending Plan	Prior Year(s) Spending	2012 Spending	Future Expenditures	Total
Stacy and Witbeck, Inc.		\$ 505	\$ 8,461	\$ 8,966

Contract Budget	Current Approved Contract Value	Spent to Date	Proposed Action	Proposed Total Contract Value
Vendor Name	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,966	\$ 8,966
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,966	\$ 8,966
Percent Contingency	-	-	\$ -	\$ -

Notes:

Sounder Maintenance of Way budget can be found on page 48 of 2012 Adopted budget book.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Subconsultant/Subcontractor	Business Type	% of Work	Dollar Value
Midvale	Small Business	36.1%	\$2,421,600
	DBE	0%	\$0
Total		36.1%	\$2,421,600

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE PROFILE

800 employees; 14% women; 34% minorities.

BACKGROUND

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With the introduction of Sounder operations and the need for faster speed trains, FRA requirements for maintenance of the line for faster trains becomes effective. Tacoma Rail currently maintains the M-to-Lakewood segment of the track for their lower speed freight operations. They will cease maintenance of the line once D-to-M Street is complete and a new maintenance contract is in place.

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The scope of work requires nine different technical specialists and provides part-time work for each, with provisions for any emergency and on-call work that may be needed.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

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TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one month delay would not create a significant impact to the project schedule.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action

LEGAL REVIEW

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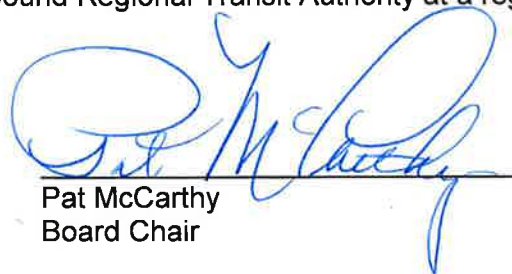
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MOTION:

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 five-year contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc., to provide track, signal and bridge maintenance services for the Sounder Tacoma-to-Lakewood line for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$8,966,000.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on May 24, 2012.


Pat McCarthy
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator