

MOTION NO. M2013-19

Agreement Amendment with Amtrak for Signal Maintenance Services

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:	PHONE:
Operations and Administration Committee	4/4/2013	Recommendation to Board	Bonnie Todd, Executive Director, Operations	206-398-5367
Board	4/25/2013	Final Action	Martin Young, Sounder Operations Manager	206-398-5115

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to an agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) to provide signal maintenance services at King Street Station in the amount of \$192,372, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$154,451,372.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- BNSF completed switch and signal work at King Street Station on behalf of Amtrak in 2008. The new switch and signal work replaced the former manual track switches with a centrally-controlled signal system. The work was completed solely for the benefit of passenger service at King Street Station.
- The new switch and signal system requires regular maintenance and inspections, which BNSF performs on behalf of the passenger railroads.
- Under the agreement between Amtrak and Sound Transit, Sound Transit is responsible for reimbursing Amtrak for Sound Transit's proportional share because the improvements benefit both agencies.
- The proposed amendment addresses Sound Transit's proportional share of the switch and signal work at King Street Station. The cost share is based on the number of daily trains operated at King Street Station by each agency. The requested amount covers Sound Transit's share for the term of the agreement with Amtrak, not including the option years.
- The amendment also incorporates language for administrative changes that were ambiguous in the prior agreement, updates the appendices to include additional reporting requirements for Amtrak, and adds a new configuration site map that includes the switch and signal improvements.

BACKGROUND

In 2008, BNSF completed work on a second lead track and switch that connects the station tracks used by Amtrak and Sound Transit with the main track. The work also included an upgrade to the signal system to allow central control of the system. The work was completed solely for the benefit of passenger service at King Street Station operated by Amtrak and Sound Transit in anticipation of increased passenger service.

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Sound Transit's share of the switch and signal costs is paid to Amtrak on a monthly basis. Payments will be retroactive to January 1, 2013. The requested amount covers Sound Transit's share for the term of the agreement with Amtrak, not including the option years.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed action will be funded from Vehicle Maintenance of the Sounder Commuter Rail operating budget over the life of the contract. The 2013 annual budget for Vehicle Maintenance is \$8.9 million and the estimated annual expenses are \$8.5 million. There is adequate budget to cover estimated costs and this action in the 2013 budget. The future spending will be included in the successive annual budgeting process. The table below illustrates the budget impact of the proposed action.

Budget Table

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

	Adopted 2013 Budget	Spent and Committed to date in 2013	Contract Expenditures 2013	Remaining 2013 Budget
Sounder Budget				
Vehicle Maintenance	8,939	8,492	-	447
Signal Maintenance at King Street Station	-	-	94	(94)
<i>Subtotal, Vehicle Maintenance</i>	<i>8,939</i>	<i>8,492</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>353</i>
Materials and Supplies	6,409	5,768		641
Other Materials and Supplies	389	350		39
<i>Subtotal, Materials and Supplies</i>	<i>6,798</i>	<i>6,118</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>680</i>
Share Facilities Utilites	103	101		2
Other Utilities	833	832		1
<i>Subtotal, Utilities</i>	<i>936</i>	<i>933</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3</i>
Total, Maintenance of Vehicles	16,673	15,543	94	1,036

Contract Spending Plan	Prior Year(s) Spending	2013 Spending	Future Expenditures	Total
Amtrak- Vehicle Maintenance	35,341	8,492	20,802	64,635
Signal Maintenance at King Street Station	-	94	98	192
Total Vehicle Maintenance	35,341	8,586	20,900	64,827
Other Contractual Spending	48,103	7,051	34,470	89,624
Total Spending	83,444	15,637	55,370	154,451

Contract Budget	Current Approved Contract Value	Committed to Date	Proposed Action	Total Contract Value
Amtrak	154,259	119,852	192	154,451
Contingency	-	-	-	-
Total Contract	154,259	119,852	192	154,451
Percent Contingency	0%	0%	0%	0%

Notes:

Amounts are expressed in Year of Expenditure \$000.

Sounder Vehicle Maintenance, Materials/Supplies and Utilities budget can be found on page 180 of the 2013 Proposed Budget book. The Board adopted the 2013 budget in December, 2012.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable to this action.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE PROFILE

BNSF will perform the specified signal maintenance services with their own work force; both BNSF and Amtrak will continue to comply with federally mandated Equal Opportunity and non-discrimination laws and regulations.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

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

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Motion No. M2010-28: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an amended agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) for the continued maintenance of rolling stock; amendment extended , including the cost of fuel, for five years with one two-year option to extend and up to three one-year options.

Resolution No. R99-10: Authorized the Executive Director to execute a fixed-price contract with Amtrak for maintenance of the *Sounder* commuter rail fleet.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Jl 2/25/2013

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 3/22/2013

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APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on April 25, 2013.


Pat McCarthy
Board Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator