

MOTION NO. M2013-60

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

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:	PHONE:
Operations & Administration Committee	07/18/2013	Recommendation to Board	Bonnie Todd, Executive Director	206-398-5367
Board	07/25/2013	Final Action	Ken Cummins, Chief Security Officer	206-398-5322

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the King County Sheriff's Office to provide sworn law enforcement services between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2019.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- This action authorizes the King County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services for system-wide security at all Sound Transit facilities.
- The services are a key component of Sound Transit's security strategy, the goal of which is to provide a safe, secure and comfortable environment for Sound Transit's customers and employees.
- The scope of the services includes coordination of law enforcement activities with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies on behalf of Sound Transit, system-wide emergency response, detective services for crime investigation, and roving patrols throughout King County at Central Link and Sounder stations, and ST Express park-and-ride lots and parking garages. These services are in addition to private security officers.
- The current agreement for law enforcement services with the King County Sheriff's Office expires on December 31, 2013.

BACKGROUND

This agreement provides dedicated law enforcement services for Sound Transit operations, facilities, and administration buildings throughout King County and, through reciprocal agreements, Pierce and Snohomish counties. This dedicated policing model is a proactive approach. The services include having a uniform police presence focused on customer safety, providing specific follow-up to transit-related crimes, having the ability to address transit misconduct or nuisance issues, and providing system-wide emergency response. Law enforcement officers patrol rail stations, park-and-ride lots and parking garages, various administration, real property and storage facilities in order to provide security for customers and employees. Law enforcement officers also coordinate with, and support, unarmed security officers.

In 2008, the King County Sheriff's Office was selected to provide law enforcement services and system-wide emergency response. The current agreement with the King County Sheriff's Office expires on December 31, 2013. The King County Sheriff's Office was selected because the majority of Sound Transit's services operate in King County. For example, Central Link only operates in King County, so the county is the only law enforcement agency with jurisdiction throughout the Central Link alignment. The Sheriff's Office also has reciprocal service agreements with jurisdictions outside King County and can respond to events in Pierce and Snohomish County.

This agreement is contingent upon adoption of both the Sound Transit Board and the King County Council. The King County Council will consider adoption of the agreement later in 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT

Under the proposed agreement, compensation will be based on total annual fully-reconciled costs. The King County Sheriff's office will submit their initial estimate of costs mid-year for services to be provided the following year, including documentation of the development of their cost estimates. Sound Transit will review the estimated costs with the King County Sheriff's office and establish the final costs during the annual budgeting process. All costs will be fully reconciled at year end and Sound Transit will only pay King County the actual costs for providing the services based on an agreed upon cost allocation methodology.

The Service Delivery Budget, through the Security and Safety line, funds these expenditures. Board adoption of the annual Service Delivery Budget authorizes the spending for only that year, based on the negotiated cost estimates between the King County Sheriff's Office and Sound Transit.

This agreement will be effective in 2014 and will be funded through Board adoption of the 2014 annual budget. For 2013, the amount budgeted for the King County Sheriff services was \$6,403,754 and the 2014 amount is anticipated to be similar. The Proposed 2014 budget is currently in development and will be brought to the Board for consideration in December 2013. Expenditures will not be able to exceed the funding amount authorized in the annual budget adoption without notification to the Board.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Not applicable to this action.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE PROFILE

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

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

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

JI 6/24/2013

LEGAL REVIEW

RM 7/12/13

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It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute an agreement with the King County Sheriff's Office to provide sworn law enforcement services between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2019.

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


Pat McCarthy
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator