

SOUND TRANSIT

MOTION NO. M2005-144

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment extending the duration of the existing contract with Universal Field Services to continue providing professional right of way consulting services in support of the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment from December 31, 2005 up to December 31, 2007, with an option to extend the term for an additional year.

Background:

The Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment right of way plan includes the acquisition of 732 property interests and 215 owner and tenant residential and commercial relocations. Right of way activities have been accomplished as needed to proceed with Link's construction schedule; however, additional right of way activities are required to complete the acquisition and relocation process.

The proposed amendment would allow UFS to continue providing right of way consulting services; including acquisition of real property, relocation of displaced residents and businesses, right of way construction support to Link construction, and title and escrow services. These services are within the existing scope of work and were included in the original competitive procurement conducted in 1999. Due to various legal challenges to the Link project, consulting activities under this contract were delayed approximately two years.

The major portion of the regular right of way acquisition and relocation activities has been completed; however, a number of acquisition and relocation activities, including condemnation court cases, are ongoing. Additional right of way requirements, such as extensions of temporary construction easements, unanticipated right of way requirements, settling of final relocation claims and continuing right of way support for Link construction activities will result in the need for right of way activities beyond December 31, 2005. Federal regulations allow a relocate to file a claim 18 months after relocation, with extensions for good cause. Because of the long timeline, a two-year contract extension with a one-year option to extend is requested.

The proposed amendment is being requested because the length of time required to complete this contract is beyond the five-year term of the original contract and the previous time extension. At the time these contracts were executed, Federal Transit Administration requirements limited the contract to five years. FTA has since removed this requirement and now allows an extension beyond five years for ongoing projects.

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 contract amendment extending the duration of the existing contract with Universal Field Services to continue providing professional right of way consulting services in support of the Central Link Light Rail Initial Segment from December 31, 2005 up to December 31, 2007, with an option to extend the term for an additional year.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on December 15, 2005.



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator