

**MOTION NO. M2010-42**

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract with North Corridor Transit Partners, LLC to provide engineering, environmental and community development services for Phase 1 of the North Corridor High Capacity Transit – Northgate to Lynnwood project in the amount of \$4,793,122, with a 10% contingency of \$479,312, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$5,272,434.

**BACKGROUND:**

Substantial federal funding will be necessary to build the North Corridor High Capacity Transit project. Consequently, Sound Transit intends to compete nationally for federal New Starts funds (49 USC 5309), which requires that certain activities be completed meet Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements. The first of these is a locally led formal alternatives analysis where different transit modes and routes will be evaluated to determine a reasonable set of alternatives to evaluate in detail in an EIS.

While the Sound Transit Board and the region's voters have approved light rail as the high capacity transit mode for this corridor through the ST2 Plan and ballot, alternatives analysis will include a bus alternative(s) for comparison, and to satisfy FTA requirements.

The representative light rail project defined during ST2 development for system planning and cost estimation purposes runs generally along the Interstate 5 corridor, but other routes may be possible and will be defined and evaluated as part of this project before the Board is asked to select alternatives to examine in detail in an EIS. The Final EIS will inform the Board's alignment decision.

This action establishes the consultant services contract for a three-phase light rail project development process. Phase 1 includes alternatives analysis and NEPA/SEPA environmental scoping. Phase 2 includes the preparation of a Draft EIS and conceptual engineering of alternative routes and stations. Phase 3 includes the preparation of a Final EIS, including responses to public and agency comments on the Draft EIS, and preliminary engineering of the project to be built.

The proposed contract with North Corridor Transit Partners, LLC (NCTP) includes an option to negotiate a future amendment(s) for the completion of Phases 2 and 3. The option gives Sound Transit the ability to take advantage of efficiencies that could result from the consultant's knowledge gained during Phase 1 for further project level review and design if satisfied with the contractor's performance during this initial effort. Board authorization to proceed with this consultant on Phases 2 and 3 will be sought separately in the future through amendments to this contract.


NCTP was selected through a competitive procurement process. A request for qualifications for the entire project development process (alternatives analysis, environmental review and preliminary engineering) was issued on December 12, 2009. Five teams submitted statements of qualifications and two were chosen for interviews. NCTP was ranked highest by the selection team and was invited to negotiate the scope of work and cost for Phase 1.

The North Corridor HCT project was a component of the voter-approved ST2 plan and was included in the Adopted 2010 Transit Improvement Plan (TIP). Within the agency's Phase/Gate system for capital project management, the North Corridor project is now ready for approval of Gate 1, which formally creates a capital project within the agency's management systems and approves the project for entry into the project development phase for alternatives analysis.

**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 with North Corridor Transit Partners, LLC to provide engineering, environmental and community development services for Phase 1 of the North Corridor High Capacity Transit – Northgate to Lynnwood project in the amount of \$4,793,122, with a 10% contingency of \$479,312, for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$5,272,434.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on April 22, 2010.

  
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Aaron Reardon  
Board Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator