

Motion No. M2024-08

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority ratifying the chief executive officer's finding of the existence of an emergency to repair a water main break at the Operations and Maintenance Facility Central.

Background

The Board's Procurement, Agreements and Delegated Authority policy, Resolution No. R2023-30, Section 2.9, authorizes the CEO to make a written finding that an emergency exists and to execute any contracts or make purchases necessary to respond to that emergency. The policy requires that the CEO request ratification of the finding of an emergency, and any emergency contracts that exceed \$5,000,000 excluding taxes, at the next regular Board meeting. The policy also requires that the CEO keep the Board informed about the emergency and the progress of any contracts or purchases executed to address the emergency.

On Saturday, January 20, 2024, King County Light Rail discovered a water main break and lost water to the Maintenance of Way (MOW) building at the Operations Maintenance Facility Central. The facilities mechanics found a water main break located under a concrete pad for the compactor and notified the Light Rail Control Center. The water line supplies domestic water to the MOW building and was turned off. That evening a Contractor excavated and located the water break, turned off domestic water and repaired the break in the pipe, and returned water service to the building.

By January 26, 2024, CEO Goran Sparrman found that an emergency existed and authorized CFO John Henry to execute on his behalf a written finding, that declared the water main break at the MOW building an emergency. Staff proceeded with issuing a Limited Notice to Proceed to Advanced Septic Services, Inc. to compensate for the prior weekend's emergency work and authorize removal of temporary backfill of excavated areas and installation of long-term asphalt to excavated areas during the week of January 29, 2024.

Advanced Septic Services, Inc. was contracted because of their prior subcontracting experience, knowledge of the job site, and willingness to work overnight on a weekend. The estimated cost for the repairs is not expected to exceed \$40,000 (excluding taxes) and is consistent with Sound Transit's independent cost and price analysis of the contractor proposal to respond to emergency conditions.

Motion

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer's finding of the existence of an emergency is ratified.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on February 22, 2024.


Dow Constantine
Board Chair

Attest:


Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator