



Motion No. M2025-06

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 expedite Operational and Network Reliability work by engaging consultant services.

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.

The current operational and network infrastructure faces reliability and stability issues. To ensure the reliability of services for our passengers, it is critical to implement operational redundancy as well as a modernized and highly available network. This project aims to upgrade key components of the network infrastructure by enhancing performance, security, and safety, while providing a solid foundation for future growth.

On January 21, 2025, the CEO made a written finding that declared an emergency and staff proceeded with issuing a Limited Notice to Proceed task order not to exceed \$1,500,000 to an existing contract with HNTB to provide technical and strategic advisory services for the planning and design phases of the Operational and Network Reliability work. HNTB's objective is to develop a project management plan to enhance operational reliability and modernize the network. HNTB will also assist with the implementation of the project management plan during the design and construction phases, which will be contracted separately. Sound Transit intends to prepare and advertise a full and open competitive procurement for a longer-term operational and network reliability repair solution. There is a documented understanding with HNTB that the firm will be precluded from competing for the long-term solutions contract.

If the work described above on operational and network reliability does not take place immediately and expeditiously, such delay will threaten proper systemwide performance and could compromise safety protocols. There are also regulatory expectations for Sound Transit to maintain appropriate operational service levels.

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 _____.

Dave Somers
Board Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator