Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Committee Chair Greg Nickels.

Attendance

(P) Greg Nickels, Chair  (A) Ed Hansen
(P) Rob McKenna, Vice Chair  (P) Kevin Phelps
(P) Jack Crawford  (P) Jim White
(A) Ann Kirk Davis

Report of the Chair

None.

Finance Director’s Report

Mr. Hugh Simpson, Finance Director, advised the Committee that the financial audit that is being done by Deloitte and Touche is in process and they are currently doing fieldwork. He added that the details of the audit should be coming to the Finance Committee at the April 20th meeting.

Action Items

Motion No. M2000-24 – Authorizing the Executive Director to increase the maximum amount of the contract with Denny Miller Associates (DMA) by $30,000 (from $633,000 to $663,000) for increased scope of work for federal legislative and administrative representation in Washington DC; accelerating full expenditure of the contract maximum; and extending the existing contract period for six months

Ms. Sheila Dezarn, Government Relations Manager, briefed the Committee on Motion No. M2000-24. She stated that the motion would do three things: (1) increase the scope of the existing contract by $30,000; (2) accelerate the full expenditure of that maximum by the end of this year; and (3) authorize extending the existing contract with Denny Miller by six months so that it would be carried through to year end. Ms. Dezarn stated that she briefed the Government Affairs Task Force on the motion at their February 18 meeting, and they recommended it to the Finance Committee for approval.

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2000-24 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2000-23 - Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract for construction of the Sounder Puyallup commuter rail station with Lugo Construction, Inc., in the amount of $3,357,486, plus a contingency amount of 10% ($335,749) for a total amount not to exceed $3,693,235

Ms. Val Batey, Project Manager, briefed the Committee on Motion No. M2000-23. She stated that the design for the Puyallup station was completed by Merritt & Pardini in November 1999. A request for proposal for construction went out and 14 bids were received. Lugo Construction, Inc. of Fife, WA, was the lowest
responsive bidder with a bid of nearly $900,000 less than the engineer’s estimate. She added that this contract would be the first Sounder contract under the Project Labor Agreement.

Mr. Phelps recognized the good work done by Merritt & Pardini noting that good design work often will lead to lower construction bids.

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. White, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2000-23 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2000-18 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a change order to contract RTA/LR 26-97 with Puget Sound Transit Consultants, for design management and oversight services for the final design of all civil facilities associated with the Link Light Rail Project, for $26,054,869 and a 10% contingency of $2,605,487 for a total of $28,660,356. The total contract amount is revised to $56,249,413

Mr. Houppermans, Civil Engineering Manager, advised that following the Finance Committee meeting on February 17, 2000, staff had lowered the contingency to 10% as requested by the Committee members.

Mr. White thanked staff for their attentiveness to the Committee members concerns regarding the contingency on the contract.

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. McKenna, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2000-18 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2000-20 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with LTK Engineering Services for systems engineering final design for Central and Tacoma Link, and systems construction management and services during construction and start-up for Tacoma Link Light Rail Project in the amount of $20,516,347 with a 10% contingency of $2,051,635 for a total amount not to exceed $22,567,982

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2000-20 be forwarded to the Board with a do-pass recommendation.

Motion No. M2000-25 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with DKS Associates for traffic engineering final design services for the Central Link Light Rail Project in the amount of $2,281,446 with a 10% contingency of $228,145 for a total amount not to exceed $2,509,591

Mr. Paul Bay, Director, briefed the Committee on Motion No. M2000-25.

It was moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Crawford, and carried by the unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2000-25 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2000-26 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Golder Associates for geotechnical engineering services for all of the light rail at-grade and aerial alignment south of the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel and north of South Norfolk Street, the vehicle maintenance base and its access leads for the Central Link Light Rail Project, in an amount of $1,408,905, with a 10% contingency of $140,891, for a total amount not to exceed $1,549,796

Mr. Houppermans advised the Committee that the contract would be to do the final geotechnical program from the International District to the Beacon Hill tunnel portal on the west side and for the maintenance facility; on the other side of Beacon Hill from the portal on the eastside down through the Rainier Valley to Norfolk Street.
He stated that the geotechnical work at the maintenance base is on the critical path.

It was moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. White, and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2000-26 be approved as presented.

Motion No. M2000-27 – Authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Huitz-Zollars, Inc., for civil engineering final design services for the Central Link Light Rail Project from the International District to east of Interstate 5 in the amount of $2,773,826 with a 10% contingency of $277,383, for a total amount not to exceed $3,051,209

Mr. Houppermans advised that through a competitive process, staff was recommending a contract with Huitz-Zollars to cover the line section—the guideway, the stations, and the trackage from the International District the west side of the Beacon Hill tunnel portal.

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Phelps, and carried by a unanimous vote of all members present that Motion No. M2000-27 be approved as presented.

Adjourn

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2000, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at Union Station Board Room, 401 South Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington.

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

Greg Nickels
Finance Committee Chair