

STAFF REPORT

SOUND TRANSIT MOTION NO. M2000-115

Contract Award to Berschauer Phillips Construction Company for Tacoma Link Operations and Maintenance Facility, Contract C920

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	11/9/00	Meeting Postponed	Paul Bay, Director	(206)398-5134
Finance Committee	11/16/00	Discussion/Possible Action	Bill Houppermans, Chief	(206)398-5125
Finance Committee	11/30/00	Discussion/Possible Action	Engineer	

PROPOSED ACTION

This action authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with Berschauer Phillips Construction Company for the construction of the Tacoma Link Operations and Maintenance Facility authorizing a contract amount of \$3,982,961 plus a 10% contingency of \$398,296 for a total authorization not to exceed \$4,381,257.

KEY FEATURES

Highlights of Proposed Action:

- ◆ Authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract for the construction of the Tacoma Link Operations and Maintenance Facility by Berschauer Phillips Construction Company.
- ◆ Creates a 10% contingency fund for the contract.
- ◆ Authorizes a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,381,257.
- ◆ Includes a 30% total SBE participation on this contract.

Discussion of Proposed Action:

On July 24, 2000, Sound Transit advertised and issued an Invitation for Bids for the construction of the Tacoma Link Light Rail Project, Operations and Maintenance Facility, Sound Transit Construction Contract Unit C920.

Staff has evaluated the bid documents submitted by Berschauer Phillips Construction Company and determined that the company is a responsive and responsible bidder. Berschauer Phillips' bid was less than 5% over the engineer's estimate of \$3,809,794.

It is anticipated that construction of the Operations and Maintenance Facility will commence in December 2000, and take approximately 15 months. The schedule for construction of the facility has been integrated with that of the Tacoma line construction and the systems installation. The facility will be available to Sound Transit for delivery of the Tacoma Link Light Rail vehicles.

Sound Transit encouraged small business participation in the bid documents and established a goal of 30% SBE participation in the construction of the Operations and Maintenance Facility. Berschauer Phillips has agreed to comply with this goal.

BUDGET

Funding for this scope of work is included in Sound Move and in the FY2000 adopted capital budget. The budget for completion of these tasks is identified in Sound Transit's Adopted 2000 Budget construction for Tacoma Link (page 125). Total construction for Tacoma Link is budgeted at \$47,819,000, and the Tacoma Operations and Maintenance Facility Contract C920 is budgeted at \$4,142,000. The budget shortfall of \$239,257 on this contract can be covered by the \$4,262,586 budget surplus gained from the Tacoma Link Light Rail Project, Contract 910 (will be acted on by the Board at a later date). With the budget developed for the Tacoma Link configuration as adopted by the Board on November 18, 1999, there is sufficient funding to complete the remaining work.

Total Project Budget	Budget for this Task (A)	Expenditures to Date (B)	Total Amount Requested (C)	Shortfall* or Surplus (A-[B+C])
\$47,819,000	\$4,142,000	\$ 0	\$4,381,257	(\$239,257)
*Amount of Shortfall	Potential Revenues	Funding Sources		
\$239,257	\$4,262,586	Budget surplus from the Tacoma Link Light Rail Project, Contract 910		

ALTERNATIVES

Sound Transit could reject the bids and re-advertise the contract for new bids. As Berschauer Phillips' bid was less than 5% over the engineer's estimate and the difference between the bids received was only \$400,000, there is no reason to believe that this approach would result in lower bids.

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

Re-advertisement of the contract would cause a delay to completion of the Operations and Maintenance Facility. This would prevent completion of the structure in time for delivery of the light rail vehicles and result in increased costs for temporary storage. Delay would also impact the installation of systems equipment in the facility, which could impact the start of revenue service for the Tacoma Link project.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION

Sound Transit has coordinated the development of the contract documents for the Operations and Maintenance Facility with the City of Tacoma. The plans have been reviewed by the City Public Works Department, which has issued a building permit for the project. Under the Memorandum of Agreement between Sound Transit and the City of Tacoma, the City and Sound Transit will inspect the construction of the Operation and Maintenance Facility through a joint construction management effort.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

MBL 11/3/00

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A motion of the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Berschauer Phillips Construction Company for the construction of the Tacoma Link Operations and Maintenance Facility authorizing a contract amount of \$3,982,961 plus a 10% contingency of \$398,296 for a total authorization not to exceed \$4,381,257.

Background:

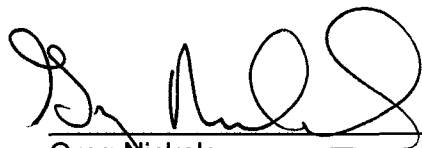
On July 24, 2000, Sound Transit advertised and issued an Invitation for Bids for the construction of the Tacoma Link Light Rail Project, Operations and Maintenance Facility, Sound Transit Construction Contract Unit C920. On September 28, 2000, Sound Transit received and opened bids from three firms for construction of Contract Unit C920. Staff has evaluated the bid documents submitted by Berschauer Phillips Construction Company and determined that the Company is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

It is anticipated that construction of the Operations and Maintenance Facility will commence in December 2000 and take approximately 15 months. The schedule for construction of the facility has been integrated with that of the Tacoma line construction and the systems installation. The facility will be available to Sound Transit for delivery of the Tacoma Link Light Rail vehicles.

Motion:


It is hereby moved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract with Berschauer Phillips Construction Company in the amount of \$3,982,961 for construction of the Tacoma Link Light Rail Project Operations and Maintenance Facility, Contract C920, plus a 10% contingency of \$398,296 for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$4,381,257.

APPROVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 30th day of November, 2000.



Greg Nickels
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator