# **STAFF REPORT**

### SOUND TRANSIT MOTION NO. M2000-78

## Contract Amendment with Fernanda D'Agostino for Tacoma Link Art Projects

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	9/7/00	Discussion/Possible Action	Carol Valenta, Public Art Manager	(206) 398-5059

### PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with artist Fernanda D'Agostino to fabricate artwork for the Tacoma Link Light Rail system in the amount of \$219,300 with a contingency of \$20,000 for a total authorized contract amendment amount of \$239,300. The original contract amount of \$57,000, plus the total contract amendment amount of \$239,300, will result in a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$296,300.

## KEY FEATURES

### **Highlights of Proposed Action:**

- Authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with artist Fernanda D'Agostino to fabricate four art projects for Tacoma Link in an amount of \$219,300 with a contingency of \$20,000, for a total authorized contract amendment amount of \$239,300.
- The artworks are integral to the Tacoma Link station designs and have been reviewed and approved by the City of Tacoma and Sound Transit.

### **Discussion of Proposed Action:**

In Resolution No. 98-1, the Board established a Sound Transit Art Program and adopted an art budget. The policy adopted by the Board committed the Art Program to having artists work with the preliminary and final design teams on the development of project designs and on the integration of art into the system as a whole.

Artist Fernanda D'Agostino was selected in November 1998 through a competitive process involving representatives from the City of Tacoma to be the lead design team artist for Tacoma Link. Ms. D'Agostino has worked closely with Sound Transit staff, consultants, and the Tacoma community to recommend a range of artworks to be integrated into Tacoma Link. Now that the artworks have been reviewed and approved, the artist is ready to begin fabrication. Ms. D'Agostino will be responsible for fabricating four art projects. Three art projects will be executed by other artists.

# **BUDGET**

With the adoption of the 2000 Sound Transit Budget in November 1999, the Board established a detailed budget for the ST*art* program, including \$1.3 million in 1995\$ (\$1.5 million in YOE\$) for Pierce County. Subsequently, Tacoma Link contributed \$130,000 (1995\$) for Tacoma Link art, making a total of \$1.6 million (YOE\$) available for Pierce County. To date, work in Pierce County has begun on Tacoma Link, the Tacoma Dome Station, and Puyallup and Sumner Sounder stations. At the discretion of Sound Transit, local jurisdictions, and other interested groups, \$522,141 (YOE\$) is to be programmed specifically for Tacoma Link art. The following table summarizes budget, expenditures to date, and funds requested by this report. All figures are in YOE\$. There are sufficient funds to cover this contract and to complete other planned Pierce County and Tacoma Link art projects.

Total Pierce County Art Budget	Budget for Tacoma Link Art (A)	Expenditures to Date (B)	Total Amount Requested (C)	Shortfall or Surplus (A-[B+C])
\$1,618,374	\$522,141	\$75,291	\$239,300	\$247,550

# ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose to award funds for fabrication of only a portion of the artworks. However, all of the artworks were approved by Sound Transit and the City of Tacoma, and funds for all of the projects are available within the art budget.

### CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

The artwork is an integral part of the design of the Tacoma Link stations. Final design and fabrication of the artwork must begin in September so that the artwork can be installed according to the Tacoma Link construction schedule.

### **REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION**

The artist was aided in development of her artwork proposals by the Tacoma Arts Commission, the Tacoma Landmarks Commission, the Puyallup Tribe, and the Washington State Historical Society.

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The artworks have been reviewed and approved by the Tacoma City Council, the Tacoma Design Review Committee, the Tacoma Landmarks Commission, and the Tacoma Arts Commission. The artworks were also thoroughly reviewed as part of the public design review process for Tacoma Link.

## LEGAL REVIEW

MBL 8/15/00

#### SOUND TRANSIT

#### **MOTION NO. M2000-78**

A motion of the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with artist Fernanda D'Agostino to fabricate artwork for the Tacoma Link Light Rail system in the amount of \$219,300 with a contingency of \$20,000 for a total authorized contract amendment amount of \$239,300. The original contract amount of \$57,000, plus the total contract amendment amount of \$239,300, will result in a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$296,300.

#### **Background:**

In Resolution No. 98-1, the Board established a Sound Transit Art Program and adopted an art budget. The policy adopted by the Board committed the Art Program to having artists work with the preliminary and final design teams on the development of project designs and on the integration of art into the system as a whole.

Artist Fernanda D'Agostino was selected in November 1998 through a competitive process involving representatives from the City of Tacoma to be the lead design team artist for Tacoma Link. Ms. D'Agostino has worked closely with Sound Transit staff, consultants, and the Tacoma community to recommend a range of artworks to be integrated into Tacoma Link. The artworks have received extensive review and approval. Ms. D'Agostino will be responsible for executing four art projects. Three art projects will be executed by other artists.

#### Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that Executive Director is authorized to execute a contract amendment with artist Fernanda D'Agostino to fabricate artwork for the Tacoma Link Light Rail system in the amount of \$219,300 with a contingency of \$20,000 for a total authorized contract amendment amount of \$239,300. The original contract amount of \$57,000, plus the total contract amendment amount of \$239,300, will result in a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$296,300.

APPROVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.

Greg Niskels Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:

ia Walker

Marcia Walker Board Administrator