

STAFF REPORT
SOUND TRANSIT
MOTION NO. M2001-10

Contract Amendment for Parametrix

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	2/1/01	Discussion/Possible Action to Recommend Board Approval	James Irish, Senior Environmental Analyst	(206)398-5140
Board	2/8/01	Action		

PROPOSED ACTION

This action authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Parametrix, Inc., for preparation of environmental studies for the Central Link Light Rail system. The action establishes a contract amendment amount of \$550,000 and a 10% contingency of \$55,000 for a total contract amendment amount not to exceed of \$605,000, and for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,414,819.

Note: The contingency reserve and a part of the requested amendment is not part of the consultant contract. The Director of Light Rail Transit will hold these in reserve, and they will only be used if authorized by the Light Rail Change Control Board for approved additional work.

KEY FEATURES

Highlights of Proposed Action:

- Authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment to the environmental services consulting contract with Parametrix Inc. for preparation of additional environmental studies in the amount of \$550,000, with a 10% contingency of \$55,000, for a total contract amendment amount not to exceed \$605,000, and for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$7,414,819.
- Provides for preparation of the final supplemental EIS for the Tukwila Freeway route.
- Provides environmental review for a number of project elements and potential modifications that were not fully addressed in the Central Link Final Environmental Impact Statement. These include potential changes at Convention Place, the Nagle Place station option on Capitol Hill, revisions to the Northgate segment alternatives, and preliminary investigation of the high-level bridge alternative.

Includes current M/W/DBE participation of 29% on this contract.

Discussion of Proposed Action:

In February 1998, the Sound Transit Board authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with Parametrix, Inc., to provide environmental review services for the Central and Tacoma Link Light Rail projects for an amount of \$5,294,819 (including contingency). The contract was amended in August 1999 to provide \$1,515,000 additional funds necessary to complete the final EIS, to provide support during legal appeals and to support the environmental permitting process. Contingency reserve remaining from these previous authorizations has been used to prepare the Evaluation Report and draft supplemental EIS for the Tukwila Freeway Route, and prepare ~~a SEPA addendum~~ additional environmental review for changes to the Northgate segment alternative routes. The current contract amount authorized to date is \$6,809,819 and the contingency has been used in its entirety. If this amendment is authorized, the new authorized total contract will be an amount not to exceed \$7,414,819.

The proposed action is to revise the contract scope of work and increase the contract amount for the environmental services consulting contract with Parametrix, Inc., in the amount of \$550,000 with a 10% contingency reserve of \$55,000, for a total authorized amount not to exceed of \$605,000. This is being requested because potential modifications have been proposed for the project after completion of the Final EIS, resulting in the need for additional environmental review beyond what could reasonably have been anticipated at the time of the contract.

The work performed under this contract provides compliance for the Link Light Rail Project under federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Timely completion of this process is a necessary step to implement the Light Rail Project, to meet the commitments of the Sound Move plan, and obtain federal funding.

The additional scope of work includes completion of the final supplemental EIS for the Tukwila Freeway route and environmental review for a number of project elements and potential modifications that were not fully addressed in the Central Link Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Analysis of the Tukwila Freeway route began early 2000 with preparation of the Tukwila Freeway Route Evaluation Report (May 2000). Based on review of this report the Board directed preparation of a supplemental EIS for the Freeway Route. Completion of the final supplemental EIS is necessary to complete the formal environmental process for this alternative route. Both the evaluation report and draft supplemental EIS were prepared with remaining contingency from previous tasks.

In an effort to improve the project and reduce project costs, a number of potential project modifications will be evaluated in 2001. Many of these were not fully addressed in the Central Link Final EIS and will require additional environmental review and documentation. These include potential changes within the MOS at Convention Place, the Nagle Place station option on Capitol Hill and preliminary investigation of the high level bridge alternative. Also, because of design revisions to the Northgate segment alternatives, additional environmental documentation will be needed prior to the Board's selection of a final route later in 2001. Minor changes to the project in other segments may also require additional environmental documentation.

Completion of the additional environmental process is necessary to allow Board action, federal funding and other project approvals for the potential project modifications. Staff recommends that the additional scope and budget for additional environmental services be approved.

The Parametrix team initially included eighteen subconsultant firms and has expanded to include twenty-seven subconsultant firms. The consultant currently has a M/W/DBE participation of:

	Planned	Actual to Date
MBE	17%	22%
WBE	8%	10%
DBE	21%	27%
Total Contract	21%	29%

Funding for the completed portion of this contract was identified both in the Central Link and the Tacoma Link budgets. Work under this contract for Tacoma Link is completed. Funding for this added scope of work is included in Sound Move and in the FY2001 adopted capital budget. The budget for completion of these tasks is identified in Sound Transit's Adopted 2001 Budget under preliminary engineering. With the budget developed for the Central Link configuration as adopted by the Board on January 11, 2001, 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])
\$3,600,000,000	\$7,650,000	\$6,426,819	\$605,000	\$618,181
Tacoma:	\$383,000	\$383,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total:		\$6,809,819	\$605,000	
*Amount of Shortfall	Potential Revenues	Funding Sources		

ALTERNATIVES

The additional scope of work or portions of the work could be advertised through a new procurement and selection process. This would delay performance of this work by a number of months.

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

A delay in a decision on this action may require work to stop on the final supplemental EIS for the Tukwila Freeway route. This would delay the Board's ability to make a decision on the Tukwila Freeway route this spring. Delay of environmental review for project modifications within the MOS from 45th Street to Lander Street would delay the beginning of final design and construction of this portion of the project. Delay of environmental review for revisions in the Northgate segment may delay the Board's action to select a final route to Northgate.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION

N/A

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

JLG 1/18/01

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Parametrix, Inc., for preparation of environmental studies for the Central Link Light Rail system. The action establishes a contract amendment amount of \$550,000 and a 10% contingency of \$55,000 for a total contract amendment amount not to exceed of \$605,000, and for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,414,819.

Background:

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The work performed under this contract provides compliance for the Link Light Rail Project under federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Timely completion of this process is a necessary step to implement the Light Rail Project, to meet the commitments of the Sound Move plan, and obtain federal funding.

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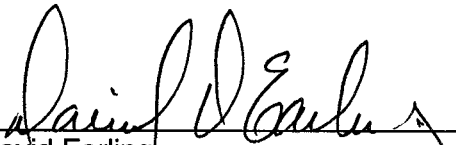
Motion:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that:

Board Motion No. M2001-10, to amend the Environmental Services Consulting contract with Parametrix, Inc., for preparation of environmental studies for the Central Link Light Rail transit system in the amount of \$550,000, and a 10% contingency of \$55,000, for a total contract

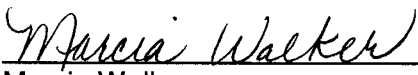
amendment amount not to exceed of \$605,000, and for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,414,819.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 8th day of February, 2001.



David Earling
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator