

SOUND TRANSITMOTION NO. M2002-17

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Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:

Marcia Walker
Board Administrator

SOUND TRANSIT STAFF REPORTMOTION NO. M2002-17Contract Amendment with Parametrix for Environmental Work Related to the North Link Light Rail Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	2/21/02	Discussion/Possible Action to Recommend Board Approval	James Irish, Environmental Manager	206-398-5140
Board	2/28/02	Action	Ahmad Fazel, Link Director	206-398-5389

Objective of Action

- To complete the North Link Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) in order to select a Link light rail route north of Convention Place.

Action

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Key Features

- Establishes a contract amendment with Parametrix in the amount of \$1,810,365 and a 10% contingency of \$181,037 for a total contract amendment amount not to exceed \$1,991,402 and a total revised contract amount not to exceed \$9,406,221.
- Provides for completion of the North Link SEIS and related environmental studies.
- Includes an M/W/DBE participation goal of 21%. To date the contract has achieved an M/W/DBE participation of 25%. This amendment proposes participation of 25% also.

Budget

On September 27, 2001, the Board adopted Motion No. M2001-104 that directed staff to evaluate routes and station alternatives between Convention Place Station (CPS) and Northgate. In conjunction with that motion, a budget of \$21 million was identified for the two-year work-plan.

On December 13, 2001, the Board adopted the 2002 agency budget. The total budget for the segment from CPS to Northgate (as identified in Amendment 9) is \$110 million, which includes the \$21 million for future work, as well as an estimate of expenditures for work already completed in this area.

Within the \$21 million budget for the two-year work plan, \$2,150,000 was identified for future environmental work as contemplated in this motion.

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Total Project Budget	Budget for this Task (B)	Obligated to Date (C)	Total Amount Requested (D)	Shortfall or Surplus (B-[C+D])
\$21,000,000	\$2,150,000	\$0	\$1,991,402	\$158,598

To date, the Board has authorized commitments totaling \$7,414,819 with Parametrix for work on the Link Light Rail program. Previous work under this contract occurred across the Central Link and the Tacoma Link projects, including the North Link segment. These

historic costs are budgeted for under separate line items within the projects and are not included within this task budget. With this action, the new total authorized contract amount will be \$9,406,221.

Financial Impacts

Impact on Current Year Budget:

This action is included within the 2002 Adopted Budget.

Impact on Sound Move Budget:

This action will have no additional impact on the Sound Move budget beyond that identified in the 2002 Adopted Budget.

Impact on Cost-to-Complete:

This action will have no adverse impact to the Cost to Complete.

Impact on Subarea(s) Budget(s):

This action will have no additional impact on the North King Subarea budget beyond that contemplated in the 2002 Adopted Budget.

History of Project

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The Parametrix, Inc. team has involved 30 different consultant firms over the life of the contract. The work performed to date has consistently been good quality and met Sound Transit's aggressive schedules.

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Completion of the North Link SEIS will extend this contract past 5 years in early 2003. Federal contracting rules limit the length for this type of contract to 5 years, unless a waiver is obtained from the Federal Transit Administration. A waiver has been requested and is anticipated prior to execution of this amendment.

The Parametrix contract includes an M/W/DBE participation goal of 21%. To date the contract has achieved an M/W/DBE participation of 25%. This amendment proposes participation of 25% also. **Prior Board or Committee Actions and Relevant Board Policies**

Motion or Resolution Number	Summary of Action	Date of Action
Resolution R98-2	Authorized a contract with the firm of Parametrix, Inc. to provide environmental review work for LINK LRTS	2/12/98
Motion M99-62		9/16/99
Motion M2001-10	Amended the Environmental Services Consulting contract with Parametrix, Inc., for preparation of environmental studies for the Central and Tacoma light rail transit systems to provide for a contract increase in the amount of \$1,262,000, and	2/8/01
Motion M2001-104		9/27/01

	<p>authorizing an additional contingency reserve of \$253,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,809,819.</p> <p>Authorized 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.</p> <p>Directed the Executive Director to evaluate Central Link Light Rail routes and station alternatives between Convention Place and Northgate.</p>	
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Consequences of Delay

- A delay in executing this contract amendment would delay completion of the supplemental EIS for North Link, and thus delay Board selection of a final North Link light rail route from Convention Place to Northgate.

Regional Partnership and Cooperation

N/A

Public Involvement

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

JDW 2/6/02

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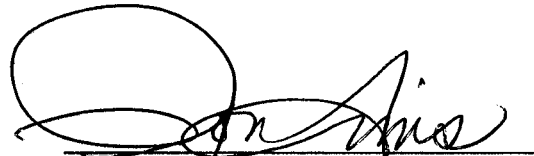
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Sims", written over a horizontal line.

Ron Sims
Board Chair

ATTEST:



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Board Administrator