

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2004-110

**Contract Amendment for Completion of an
Airport Link Environmental Assessment**

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	11/4/04	Discussion/Possible Action to Recommend Board Approval Action	Ahmad Fazel, Link Director	(206) 398-5389
Board	11/18/04		James Irish, Link Environmental Program Manager	(206) 398-5140

Contract/Agreement Type:	✓	Requested Action:	✓
Competitive Procurement	✓	Execute New Contract/Agreement	
Sole Source		Amend Existing Contract/Agreement	✓
Interagency Agreement		Contingency Funds (Budget) Required	
Purchase/Sale Agreement		Budget Amendment Required	

✓ *Applicable to proposed transaction.*

ACTION

Authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract amendment with Parametrix, Inc. to complete environmental review for the Airport Link project in the amount of \$341,000, with a contingency of \$34,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$9,781,221

KEY FEATURES

- Provides for completion of the Airport Link environmental review and related environmental studies.
- Scope of work includes services during the early agency coordination process, completion of the Environmental Assessment (EA), other environmental studies associated with the EA process, and support during the preparation of a record of decision and in the event of legal challenge.
- Work performed under this contract amendment provides compliance for the Airport Link Light Rail project under federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY

There is no action outside of the Board-adopted budget; there are no contingency funds required, no subarea impacts, or funding required from other parties other than what is already assumed in the financial plan.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

The proposed action would authorize execution of a contract amendment with Parametrix, Inc. to complete environmental review for the Airport Link project in the amount of \$341,000, with a

contingency of \$34,000 totaling \$375,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$9,781,221.

The Board adopted lifetime capital budget for Airport Link is \$18.6 million. Within that budget, \$1,391,481 has been set aside for environmental analyses in the preliminary engineering phase. To date, commitments in the amount of \$653,856 have been incurred. Should the proposed action be approved, a balance of \$362,625 would remain for this budget line item.

In the September 2001, the Board approved Motion No. M2001-103 identifying the Initial Segment. At that time, Sound Transit staff was directed to continue coordination with the Port of Seattle on designs for extending light rail to the airport. Within the lifetime budget of \$18.6 million, a budget of \$10 million for this effort was approved by the Board in November 2001 (Motion No. M2001-126). Of this amount, \$2,492,850 has been expended through September 2004. The proposed action is funded within the remaining balance of \$7,505,150 for this study.

REVENUE, SUBAREA, AND FINANCIAL PLAN IMPACTS

The proposed action is consistent with the current Board-adopted budget and is affordable within Sound Transit's current long-term financial plan and subarea financial capacity. The action will have no new revenue impact on Sound Transit.

BUDGET TABLE

Action Item: Parametrix, Inc. (complete environmental review for the Airport Link project within Central Link)

(Year of Expenditure \$000)

Airport Link		Adopted FY2004 Budget (A)	Committed To Date (B)	This Action (C)	Total Committed & Action (D)	Uncommitted (Shortfall) (E)
1	Agency Administration	3,500	3,139		3,139	361
2	Preliminary Engineering	8,200	3,239	375	3,614	4,586
3	Final Design	3,000	2,431		2,431	569
4	Right of Way	2,100	2,065		2,065	35
5	Construction	-	-		-	-
6	Construction Services	200	2	-	2	198
7	Third Party Agreements	1,600	898		898	702
8	Vehicles	-	-		-	-
9	Total Current Budget	18,600	11,773	375	12,148	6,452
PE Phase Detail						
10	Environmental analysis (Parametrix)	1,391	654	375	1,029	363
11	Other PE	6,809	2,585		2,585	4,224
12	Total Phase	8,200	3,239	375	3,614	4,586
(B) COMMITTED TO DATE amounts are from the Link Program Cost Summary Report (HQ Reports) for August 2004.						
Contract Budget		Board Approvals to Date (F)	Current Approved Contract Value (G)	Proposed Action (H)	Proposed Total for Board Approval (I)	Proposed Contract Value (J)
13	Consultant Contract Amount	7,997	8,705	341	8,338	9,046
14	Contingency	1,409	702	34	1,443	736
15	Total	9,406	9,406	375	9,781	9,781
16	Percent Contingency	18%	8%	10%	17%	8%

M/W/DBE – SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Prime Consultant/Contractor

Parametrix is the prime contractor and has an M/W/DBE participation goal of 23%. To date the contract has achieved an M/W/DBE participation of 25%. This amendment proposes participation of 24.5%.

Utilization Breakdown Table

Subconsultant	Business Type	% of Work
Herrera	MBE/DBE	19.5%
Michael Minor and Associates	MBE/DBE	3.4%
NWAA	WBE/DBE	1.6%
Total		24.5%

HISTORY OF PROJECT

In February 1998, the Sound Transit Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer 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 September 1999 to a total authorized amount of \$6,809,819 to complete the final EIS, to provide support during legal appeals and to support the environmental permitting process. In February 2001, the contract was again amended to a new total authorized amount of \$7,414,819 for additional environmental review services for Central Link and the Tukwila Freeway Route.

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This proposed action is to amend the contract to increase the amount for the environmental services consulting in the amount of \$375,000 to conduct environmental review, most likely preparation of an EA, for the Airport Link project. The EA is needed because the proposed project has been modified, and the 1999 Central Link EIS analysis requires updating. The existing scope for Parametrix includes environmental review for all of Central Link from South 200th to Northgate. This amendment would detail the work for environmental review of Airport Link.

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

The detailed scope of work includes services during the early agency coordination process, completion of the EA, other environmental studies associated with the EA process, and support

during the preparation of a record of decision and in the event of legal challenge. Sound Transit will coordinate with the Federal Transit Administration, the federal lead agency, and other interested agencies as part of the environmental review process.

Prior Board or Committee Actions and Relevant Board Policies

Motion or Resolution Number	Summary of Action	Date of Action
M2002-17	Executed a contract amendment with Parametrix, Inc., for completion of a North Link SEIS in the amount of \$1,810,365 plus a 10% contingency of \$181,037 for a total of \$1,991,402 and for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$9,406,221.	2/28/02
M2001-10	Executed 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.	2/8/01
M99-62	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 authorizing an additional contingency reserve of \$253,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,809,819.	9/16/99
R98-2	Authorized a contract with the firm of Parametrix, Inc. to provide environmental review work for LINK LRTS.	2/12/98

CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

Delay will result in delay of completion of the environmental review process, which is required for the Board to take final action on the Airport Link project.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement will be included as part of the EA process.

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 10/6/04

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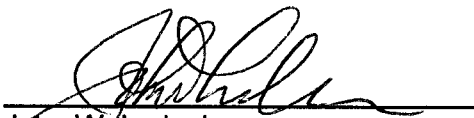
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Motion:


It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the Chief Executive Officer is authorized execute a contract amendment with Parametrix, Inc. to complete environmental review for the Airport Link project in the amount of \$341,000, with a contingency of \$34,000, for a new total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$9,781,221.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on November 18, 2004.



John W. Ladenburg
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator