

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2008-02

WSDOT Task Order for East Link

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	1/17/08	Discussion/Possible Action	Ahmad Fazel, Link Executive Director Mike Williams, Project Development Manager Don Billen, Project Manager	(206) 398-5389 (206) 398-5145 (206) 398-5052

Contract/Agreement Type:	✓	Requested Action:	✓
Competitive Procurement		Execute New Contract/Agreement	
Sole Source		Amend Existing Contract/Agreement	✓
Agreement with Other Jurisdiction(s)	✓	Budget Amendment	
Real Estate		Property Acquisition	

PROJECT NAME

East Link (Phase II Planning Project – East Corridor)

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a task order with the Washington State Department of Transportation under the Link design services umbrella agreement to provide engineering, environmental, and right-of-way services for the Phase II East Corridor High Capacity Transit planning project in the amount of \$238,813, with a 10% contingency of \$23,881, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$262,694.

KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION

- The proposed action defines a scope of work for Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) engineering support, right-of-way activities, and environmental management related to East Link conceptual engineering and draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) preparation. The schedule extends thru December 2008.
- The East Link light rail alternatives utilize the I-90 center roadway as well as portions of I-405 and SR 520 state right-of-way. WSDOT is participating as a SEPA co-lead on the East Link EIS.
- Planning for the conversion of the I-90 center roadway to light rail transit requires the support of WSDOT traffic, design, environmental, operations and maintenance staff. Under this task order WSDOT staff will participate in preparation of the FHWA required traffic analysis, support further design, and begin work defining the approaches necessary for future right-of-way and maintenance agreements. Additionally, WSDOT will facilitate timely review and approval of the East Link draft EIS.

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 and FINANCIAL PLAN DISCUSSION

The Adopted 2008 Budget for this project is \$17,500,000. The budget includes \$1,000,000 for 3rd Party Expenses which currently has no commitments against it. The proposed action will result in a 3rd Party Expenses balance of \$737,306, and a project balance of \$5,926,274.

There are sufficient funds to complete this action. Committing these funds will not endanger any other project elements that are to be funded out of the overall project.

BUDGET TABLE

Summary for Board Action (Year of Expenditure \$000)

Project: Phase II Planning - East Corridor

	2008 Adopted Budget ¹ (A)	Committed To Date ² (B)	This Action (C)	Total Committed & Action (D)	Uncommitted (Shortfall) (E)
1 OMAGC Salaries & Wages Labor	\$ 1,576	\$ 332	\$ -	\$ 332	\$ 1,244
2 OM Transit Plan Consultant	\$ 13,143	\$ 10,948	\$ -	\$ 10,948	\$ 2,194
3 OM Transit Plan ROW Estimating	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250
4 OM Transit Plan 3rd Party Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 263	\$ 263	\$ 737
5 OM Miscellaneous	\$ 1,531	\$ 31	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ 1,501
6 Total Current Budget	\$ 17,500	\$ 11,311	\$ 263	\$ 11,574	\$ 5,926

Phase Budget Detail

7 OM Transit Plan 3rd Party Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 263	\$ 263	\$ 737
8 Total Phase	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 263	\$ 263	\$ 737

Contract Budget	Current Approved Contract Value (F)	Committed To Date ² (G)	Proposed Action (H)	Proposed Total Contract Value (I)
9 WSDOT Task Order	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 239	\$ 239
10 Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24	\$ 24
11 Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 263	\$ 263
12 Percent Contingency	0%	0%	10%	10%

Notes:

¹ Project budget is part of the Phase II Planning budget located on page 39 of the Proposed 2008 Budget book. The 2008 budget was adopted by the Board on November 29, 2007.

² Committed to date amount includes actual outlays and commitments through October 31, 2007.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

WSDOT staff will complete 100% of the work under this task order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION and BACKGROUND for PROPOSED ACTION

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Evaluation of the alternative project routes, stations, and maintenance facility locations identified by the Board will be conducted in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation. Before committing federal funds to the East Link project, the FTA is required to undertake environmental review in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As the public agency proposing the East Link project, Sound Transit is required to comply with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The FTA, as the federal lead agency under NEPA, and Sound Transit, as the state lead agency under SEPA, have determined that alternative routes and stations in the project may have probable significant adverse environmental impacts. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is a SEPA co-lead agency. To satisfy both NEPA and SEPA requirements, the agencies are preparing a combined NEPA/SEPA EIS for the project.

Prior Board/Committee Actions

Motion/Resolution Number & Date	Summary of Action
M2007-31 2/22/07	Authorizing the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with CH2M Hill for the completion of conceptual engineering and preparation of the East Link draft Environmental Impact Statement (draft EIS).
M2006-87 12/14/06	Identifying the light rail routes, stations, and maintenance facility alternatives to be studied in detail in the East Link draft Environmental Impact Statement.
M2006-69 10/12/06	Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to (1) amend the umbrella agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for design review services of Link projects to include all geographical areas within the Sound Transit district and include current federal clauses; and (2) remove monetary limits established in Motion No. M2002-50.
R2006-15 7/13/06	Identifying light rail as the preferred high capacity transit mode in the Seattle to Bellevue to Redmond via I-90 corridor.
M2006-39 5/4/06	Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract to provide the first portion of engineering, environmental, and public outreach services of a multi-part project with CH2M Hill for the Phase II East Corridor High Capacity Transit project.
M2002-50 5/9/02	Authorizing the Chief Executive Office to execute an agreement with WSDOT to provide system-wide engineering services for Link Light Rail.

CONSEQUENCES of DELAY

A delay would delay the completion of conceptual engineering, public involvement, and publication of the East Link draft EIS.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

JI 12/27/07

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 12/28/07

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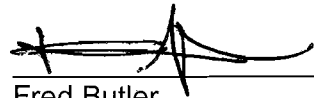
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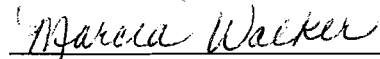
It is hereby moved by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute a task order with the Washington State Department of Transportation under the Link design services umbrella agreement to provide engineering, environmental, and right-of-way services for the Phase II East Corridor High Capacity Transit planning project in the amount of \$238,813, with a 10% contingency of \$23,881, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$262,694.

APPROVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on January 17, 2008.



Fred Butler
Finance Committee Vice-Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator