

**SOUND TRANSIT
STAFF REPORT**

MOTION NO. M2009-68

Washington State Department of Transportation Task Order for East Link

Meeting:	Date:	Type of Action:	Staff Contact:	Phone:
Finance Committee	8/6/09	Discussion/Possible Action	Ric Ilgenfritz, Executive Director Mike Williams, Project Development Manager Don Billen, Program Manager	(206) 398-5239 (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 for the East Link project under the Link design services umbrella agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation. The task order will provide engineering support, plan reviews, and real estate/permit actions related to the development of the East Link preliminary engineering and final environmental impact statement (EIS) preparation in the amount of \$597,657, with a contingency of \$23,500, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$621,157.

KEY FEATURES of PROPOSED ACTION

- Defines a scope of work for Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project coordination, design and environmental reviews and documentation, and agreement activities related to East Link preliminary engineering and final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) preparation. The schedule extends through the completion of the final EIS.
- This work will refine the analysis of the light rail routes between downtown Seattle and downtown Redmond, including preliminary engineering and final environmental documentation for the East Link project. The East Link project will construct light rail facilities within the right of way of Interstate 90, Interstate 405 and SR 520.
- WSDOT is participating as a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) co-lead on the East Link EIS.
- Planning for the East Link Project requires the support of WSDOT traffic, design, environmental, operations, and maintenance staff. Under this task order WSDOT staff will coordinate work between the state and Sound Transit, provide access and traffic control coordination, participate in reviews of structural design, geotechnical/material engineering, traffic engineering, construction staging, drainage and utility design, stations, landscaping, and urban design, and operations and maintenance

issues. WSDOT will also perform right of way activities, review the final environmental document, and assist in identifying required agreements and permits.

- The task order assumes that WSDOT staff will perform 100% of the work under this contract. WSDOT has indicated that their intent is to work collaboratively with Sound Transit and its consultants, but in some specialized areas they may request consultant assistance to review designs. If consultant assistance is needed, it will come from contingency or need added funds.

BUDGET IMPACT SUMMARY

Project Name: East Link
Current Project Phase: Preliminary Engineering
Projected Completion Date: TBD

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 2009 Budget for the East Link project is \$55,472,914, of which \$23,000,000 is operating budget and \$32,472,914 is capital budget. There is a pending ST2 amendment which would add \$23,527,825 to the capital project budget, including \$800,000 in Third Party Agreements. The proposed action is to execute a task order with WSDOT for an amount not to exceed \$621,157. If these funds are needed prior to the ST2 amendment going before the Board, budget from the East Link operating budget will be used for the task order leaving a balance of \$3,894,398.

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

BUDGET TABLE

Proposed Action: East Link - WSDOT Task Order

	2009 Adopted Budget ¹ in 1,000's (A)	Committed To Date ² (B)	This Action (C)	Total Committed & Action (D)	Uncommitted (Shortfall) (E)
Agency Administration	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ -	\$ 22	(22)
Preliminary Engr / Environmental Review	\$ 32,473	\$ 32,473	\$ -	\$ 32,473	0
Final Design / Specifications	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
ROW Acquisition and Permits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
Construction Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
Third Party Agreement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 621	\$ 621	(621)
Vehicles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0
East Link Capital Budget	\$ 32,473	\$ 32,495	\$ 621	\$ 33,116	(643)
East Link Operating Budget	\$ 23,000	\$ 17,863	\$ -	\$ 17,863	5,137
East Link Total Budget	\$ 55,473	\$ 50,358	\$ 621	\$ 50,979	4,494

Contract Budget	Current Approved Contract Value (F)	Committed To Date ² (G)	Proposed Action (H)	Proposed Total Contract Value (I)
WSDOT Task Order	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 598	\$ 598
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24	\$ 24
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 621	\$ 621
Percent Contingency	0%	0%	4%	4%

Budget Shortfall

Level	Shortfall Amt (J)	Potential Funds (K)	Funding Source (L)
Third Party Agreement	\$ (621)	\$ 5,137	Budget from the East Link Operating program would be used if needed prior to the ST2 Amendment going to the board for action.
Total	\$ (621)	\$ 5,137	

Notes:

¹ Project budget is located on page 39 of the Adopted 2009 Budget book. The 2009 Budget was adopted by the Board on December 11, 2008 and was amended on May 28, 2009.

² Committed to date amount includes actual outlays and commitments through May 31, 2009.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

WSDOT staff plans to complete 100% of the work under this contract. However, if WSDOT elects to secure consultant services, WSDOT's small business utilization policies, programs, and practices will apply.

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 WSDOT. 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 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 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 on this Project and Relevant Board Policies

Motion/Resolution Number & Date	Summary of Action
M2009-43 5/28/09	Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a contract amendment with CH2M Hill for the completion of preliminary engineering and preparation of the East Link final Environmental Impact Statement (final EIS).
M2009-41 5/14/09	Identified the preferred light rail routes and stations for the East Link Light Rail Project Final Environmental Impact Statement.
M2006-87 12/14/06	Identified 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	Authorized 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	Identified 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	Authorized 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	Authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement with WSDOT to provide system-wide engineering services for Link Light Rail.

CONSEQUENCES of DELAY

A significant delay on this action may delay the completion of preliminary engineering, public involvement, and publication of the East Link final EIS.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Jl, 7/17/09

LEGAL REVIEW

BN 7-21-09

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Motion:


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APPROVED by the Finance Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 6, 2009.



Aaron Reardon
Finance Committee Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator