

MOTION NO. M2011-75
Amend Agreement with King County Sheriff's Office for Armed Law Enforcement Services

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Operations and Administration Committee	10/27/11	Recommendation to Board	Celia Kupersmith, Deputy CEO
Board	10/27/11	Final Action	Ken Cummins, Chief Security Officer

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the agreement with the King County Sheriff's Office to fund two one-year options for law enforcement services in the amount of \$13,800,000 with a 5% contingency of \$700,000 totaling \$14,500,000, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$31,300,000.

KEY FEATURES

- The purpose of this action is to amend the agreement for services with King County Sheriffs (GLR 0099-09) with the King County Sheriff's Office to exercise two one-year options to extend it to December 31, 2013.
- The scope of this agreement includes patrolling Link and Sounder stations, park and rides, and parking garages; providing detective services for investigations; and coordinating law enforcement activities with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.
- The agreement allows Sound Transit to address security concerns outside the scope of the unarmed security officers and is a key component in Sound Transit's security strategy. The Sheriffs provide a proactive patrol presence; enforce transit law, fare evasion and safety regulations; and respond to nuisance complaints.
- The agreement with the King County Sheriff's Office will expire on December 31, 2011. The amendment will provide funding to exercise two options to extend the agreement to December 31, 2013.
- The cost increase for the two option years is the result of pay increases for the officers. The increase does not anticipate adding staff but the amendment includes a 5% contingency to cover unforeseen events that require increased law enforcement presence.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The agreement provides dedicated law enforcement service for Sound Transit services, facilities, and administration buildings throughout King County and through reciprocal agreements Pierce and Snohomish counties. Law enforcement officers enhance security and perception of security by providing a physical presence of uniformed authority and responding to issues that require commissioned law enforcement. They also coordinate with unarmed security officers to provide support as needed. The non-commissioned security personnel to patrol transit centers, underground light rail stations, conduct parking enforcement, staff the Security Operation Center, and staff our Fare Enforcement Unit. The Fare Enforcement Unit can issue civil infractions for fare evasion; however, all other law enforcement functions are the express purview of a commissioned law enforcement officer.

FISCAL INFORMATION

This action will be funded by Service Delivery Operations modal budgets, specifically by the King County Sheriff budget within Sounder, Central Link and ST Express.

Year to date expenses through the end of July 2011 indicate that Sounder and Central Link have sufficient funds to cover the anticipated expenses for the remaining year. There is a shortfall of \$183 thousand in ST Express, which will be covered by other security budgets.

The following budget table illustrates the budget impact by the proposed action:

Summary for Board Action (X \$1,000)

Action Item: Extend the contract with King County Sheriff.

Current Year Budget	Adopted 2011 Budget	Spent to date in 2011	Contract Expenditures 2011	Remaining 2011 Budget
Central Link- King Country Sheriff Budget	5,013	2,919	2,085	9
Central Link - Other Security and Safety Budget	2,908	1,354	N/A	1,554
Subtotal, Central Link Security and Safety Budget	7,921	4,273	2,085	1,563
Sounder- King Country Sheriff Budget	940	516	369	55
Sounder- Other Security and Safety Budget	2,056	1,116	N/A	940
Subtotal, Sounder Security and Safety Budget	2,996	1,632	369	995
ST Express - King Country Sheriff Budget	324	296	211	(183)
ST Express- Other Security and Safety Budget	509	237	N/A	272
Subtotal, ST Express Security and Safety Budget	833	533	211	89
Total	11,750	6,438	2,665	2,647

ST Express Budget Shortfall	183
Other Security Budget	183
Total Funding	183

Contract Spending Plan	Prior Year(s) Spending	2011 Spending	Future Expenditures	Total
King County Sheriff	12,194	6,396	12,710	31,300

Contract Budget	Approved Contract Value	Spent to Date	Proposed Action	Proposed Total Contract Value
King County Sheriff	16,800	12,194	13,800	30,600
Contingency	-	-	700	700
Total Contract	16,800	12,194	14,500	31,300
Percent Contingency	0%	0%	5%	2%

Notes:

King County Sheriff contract is funded in the security and safety budget within each mode. 2011 Security and Safety Budget for Central Link, Sounder, and ST Express can be found on pages 43, 48 and 53 of the Adopted 2011 Budget book.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

The King County Sheriff's Office will perform 100% of the work. It is not in Sound Transit's best interest to have more than one contractor provide services under the security contract.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT WORKFORCE PROFILE

King County Sheriff's Office is a government agency and therefore in full compliance with EEO commitment. The workforce for King County Sheriff's Office is comprised of 17% minorities and 15% women.

BACKGROUND

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Analysis of Contracting Out vs. Performing In-House

In 2011, Sound Transit conducted a cost-benefit analysis on contracting versus creating a fully commissioned, in-house police department. Based on current ridership levels and the current number of contracted sheriffs, contracting is the most cost efficient option for Sound Transit. Use of the King County Sheriff's Office allows Sound Transit to provide the current level of law enforcement with 36 FTEs. It would require a minimum of 42 FTEs to maintain the same level of service and complete State required functions. In addition, Sound Transit would be required to provide or contract for dispatching; jail; and police fleet vehicles and vehicle maintenance. These costs are currently covered in the full loaded cost of the King County Sheriff's Office contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

JI 10/7/11

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Motion No. M2008-57: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a three-year agreement with two one-year options with the King County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$16,800,000.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A delay in Board action may require staff to increase use of the current unarmed security contract.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

LEGAL REVIEW

JW 10/18/11

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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority authorizing the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the agreement with the King County Sheriff's Office to fund two one-year options for law enforcement services in the amount of \$13,800,000 with a 5% contingency of \$700,000 totaling \$14,500,000, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$31,300,000.

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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 to execute an amendment to the agreement with the King County Sheriff's Office to fund two one-year options for law enforcement services in the amount of \$13,800,000 with a 5% contingency of \$700,000 totaling \$14,500,000, for a new total authorized agreement amount not to exceed \$31,300,000.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on October 27, 2011.



Fred Butler
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator