

## **MOTION NO. M2017-58**

### **Tacoma-to-Nisqually Maintenance of Way Contract**

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TYPE OF ACTION:</b>	<b>STAFF CONTACT:</b>
Operations and Administration Committee Board	05/04/2017	Recommend to Board	Bonnie Todd, Executive Director of Operations
	05/25/2017	Final Action	<b>Martin Young, Commuter Rail Manager</b>

### **PROPOSED ACTION**

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute a five-year contract, with two one-year options, with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. to provide track, signal, and bridge maintenance services for Sound Transit's Tacoma-to-Nisqually right of way for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$21,488,421.

### **KEY FEATURES SUMMARY**

- This contract will provide the required track, signal and bridge maintenance for Sound Transit's right of way from Tacoma-to-Nisqually as well as Everett and Lakewood layover yards.
- The Federal Railway Administration (FRA) has progressively higher regulatory standards for track maintenance depending on the speed of the trains operating on the track. The scope of this contract will fulfill FRA requirements for higher-speed passenger train operations.
- This contract will provide:
  - Track, signal, and bridge maintenance for the Sound Transit-owned line
  - Layover yard and wayside power maintenance
  - Positive Train Control (PTC) wayside equipment maintenance
  - Required FRA inspections
  - Geometry car ride-quality checks to detect and correct surface deviations
  - Track resurfacing (realignment and re-ballasting)
  - Graffiti/Vandalism removal within 24 hours
  - Inspection and repairs for unanticipated maintenance needs
  - Vegetation control and tree removal
  - Flagging for roadwork
  - Emergency response services as required
- The requested amount covers all five years and the two one-year options of the contract.

### **BACKGROUND**

Sound Transit purchased the Tacoma-to-Nisqually railroad line from BNSF in 2003. The line required improvements to the infrastructure in order to accommodate Sounder commuter and WSDOT and Amtrak intercity operations. Those improvements are near completion.

The Tacoma-to-Nisqually line is 20.6 miles long and includes three stations: the Tacoma Dome, South Tacoma, and Lakewood Sounder stations.

The scope of work requires five full-time and four part-time technical specialists, with provisions for any emergency and on-call work that may be needed.

A portion of the maintenance expense for the Lakewood to Nisqually segment will be offset by agreements with Amtrak, Tacoma Rail, and BNSF.

## PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on February 21, 2017 for this work. Three proposals were received. The proposals were evaluated by a selection committee and the proposal from Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. was selected as the best value.

## FISCAL INFORMATION

The proposed action will be funded from the Services category within the Operations department's annual operating budget. The Services category budget is \$60,781,989, of which a total of \$1,346,578 estimated to be spent in the current year of the contract and is within the agency's budget authority. After approval of this action, the remaining annual budget amount will be used to fund other department expenditures anticipated in the 2017 annual budget.

Funding for the additional years of the contract will be included in future annual budget requests.

### Operations Department (in thousands)

	2017 Annual Operating Budget	Actuals to Date	This Action	Actuals to Date Plus Action	Remaining Annual Operating Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$16,280	\$448	-	\$448	\$15,832
Services	60,426	293	1,347	1,640	58,785
Materials and Supplies	10,831	3,710	-	3,710	7,121
Utilities	5,276	536	-	536	4,740
Insurance	-	6	-	6	
Taxes	2,595	463	-	463	2,132
Purchased Transportation Services	163,027	13,352	-	13,352	149,675
Miscellaneous	388	7	-	7	381
Leases and Rentals	8,601	644	-	644	7,957
<b>Total Annual Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$267,423</b>	<b>\$19,459</b>	<b>\$1,347</b>	<b>\$20,806</b>	<b>\$246,623</b>

Contract Spending Plan	Prior Year Spending	Forecast 2017 Spending	Future Expenditures	Total
Stacy and Witbeck, Inc		\$1,347	\$20,141	\$21,488

Contract Detail	Board Approved Contract Value	Contract Actuals to Date	Proposed Action	Proposed Revised Board Approved Contract Value
Stacy and Witbeck, Inc			\$21,488	\$21,488
Contingency				-
<b>Contract Amount - Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,488</b>	<b>\$21,488</b>
Percent Contingency			0%	0%

\* Actuals reflect the month of March, 2017.

## SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION AND APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION

Sound Transit promotes and encourages small business participation, which also includes Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). Consistent with Sound Transit Policies and Federal Regulations, Sound Transit has established Small Business/DBE goals for this contract. These goals are based upon an examination of subcontracting opportunities contained in the work of this contract and the number of Small Businesses/DBEs available to perform such subcontracting work.

For this specific contract, the following goals were set and the successful Bidder/Proposer has committed to the following Small Business/DBE Participation:

Small Business Goals

Sound Transit Goal: 5%

Commitment 20.68%

<b>Subconsultant/Subcontractor</b>	<b>Business Type</b>	<b>% of Work</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Liberty Electrical, LLC	Small Business	20.68%	\$4,443,716.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>50.68</b>	<b>\$4,443,716.00</b>

### **TIME CONSTRAINTS**

A one month delay would not create a significant impact to Sounder Operations.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

Jl 4/6/2017

### **LEGAL REVIEW**

JW 5/1/2017

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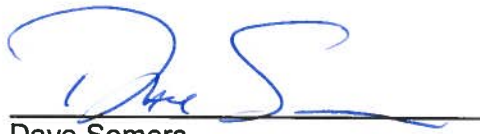
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**MOTION:**

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is authorized to execute a five-year contract, with two one-year options, with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. to provide track, signal, and bridge maintenance services for Sound Transit's Tacoma-to-Nisqually right of way for a total authorized contract amount not to exceed \$21,488,421.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on May 25, 2017.



Dave Somers  
Board Chair

**ATTEST:**



Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator