

MOTION NO. M2018-174
Agreement Extension with King County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement Services

MEETING:	DATE:	TYPE OF ACTION:	STAFF CONTACT:
Board	12/20/2018	Final Action	Bonnie Todd, Executive Director of Operations Ken Cummins, Director of Public Safety

PROPOSED ACTION

Authorizes the chief executive officer to execute an amendment to the current King County Sheriff's Office contract to provide sworn law enforcement services through February 28, 2019.

KEY FEATURES SUMMARY

- In October, the Sound Transit Board approved Motion No. M2018-117 to authorize an agreement with the King County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services for systemwide security at all Sound Transit facilities. The term of the agreement is for seven years with two seven-year options to extend.
- The King County Council was not able to consider the new agreement, but authorized a two month extension to the existing agreement that was previously set to expire on December 31, 2018.
- This action would authorize the CEO to execute the two month extension to the agreement to enable the King County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services until the new agreement can be signed.
- The scope of services includes coordination of law enforcement activities with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies on behalf of Sound Transit, systemwide emergency response, detective services for crime investigation, and patrols throughout King County at Link and Sounder stations, and ST Express park-and-ride lots and parking garages. These services are in addition to private security officers.

BACKGROUND

This agreement provides dedicated law enforcement services for Sound Transit operations, facilities, and administration buildings throughout King County and, through reciprocal agreements, Pierce and Snohomish counties. This dedicated policing model is a proactive approach. The services include having a uniform police presence focused on customer safety, providing specific follow-up to transit-related crimes, having the ability to address transit misconduct or nuisance issues, and providing systemwide emergency response. Law enforcement officers patrol rail stations, park-and-ride lots and parking garages, and various administration, real property, and storage facilities in order to provide security for customers and employees. Law enforcement officers also coordinate with, and support, unarmed security officers.

The King County Sheriff's Office was selected because the majority of Sound Transit's services operate in King County. For example, Link only operates in King County, so the county is the only law enforcement agency with jurisdiction through the Link alignment. The Sheriff's Office also has reciprocal service agreements with jurisdictions outside King County and can respond to events in Pierce and Snohomish counties.

This agreement is contingent upon adoption by both the Sound Transit Board and the King County Council. The current five-year agreement with the King County Sheriff's Office expires on December 31, 2018, not December 31, 2019 as incorrectly stated in the prior motion. On December 10, 2018, the King County Council approved extending the agreement to February 28, 2019. The council will consider adoption of the new agreement in January or February, 2019.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Under the proposed extension, and under the new agreement, compensation will be based on total annual fully-reconciled costs. The King County Sheriff's office will submit their initial estimate of costs mid-year for services to be provided the following year, including documentation of the development of their cost estimates. Sound Transit will review the estimated costs with the King County Sheriff's office and establish the final costs during the annual budgeting process. All costs will be fully reconciled at year end and Sound Transit will only pay King County the actual costs for providing the services based on an agreed upon cost allocation methodology.

The Operations Department Budget, through the Security and Safety line, funds these expenditures. Board adoption of the annual Operations Department budget authorizes the spending for only that year, based on the negotiated cost estimates between the King County Sheriff's Office and Sound Transit.

The extension, and the new agreement, will be funded through Board adoption of the 2019 annual budget. For 2018, the amount forecasted for the King County Sheriff services is \$11,669,938 and the proposed 2019 amount is \$15,523,495. The primary drivers for the increase are:

- \$2 million for the addition of a 3rd shift (6 deputies)
- \$1.5 million for 10 KCSO academy slots in preparation for Northgate Link revenue service
- \$600 thousand for a full year of 12 deputies (incremental 3 months)
- \$400 thousand for a rate increase of 3.5%

The Board is scheduled to consider adoption of the Proposed 2019 Budget at the December 20, 2018, Board meeting.

SMALL BUSINESS/DBE PARTICIPATION

Not applicable to this action.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Not applicable to this action.

TIME CONSTRAINTS

A one-month delay would leave Sound Transit without an agreement covering law enforcement services through the King County Sheriff's office when the current agreement expires in December 31, 2018.

PRIOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Motion No. M2018-117: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute a seven-year agreement with two seven-year options to extend with the King County Sheriff's Office to provide sworn law enforcement services between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2040.

Motion No. M2013-60: Authorized the chief executive officer to execute an agreement with the King County Sheriff's Office to provide sworn law enforcement services between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2019.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

KH 12/19/18

LEGAL REVIEW

AJP 12/19/18

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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 current King County Sheriff's Office contract to provide sworn law enforcement services through February 28, 2019.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on December 20, 2018.



Dave Somers
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator