



Board Report

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 28, 2018**

SUBJECT: WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH TRANSIT CORRIDOR

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer to execute:

- A. Modification No. 2 to Contract No. AE5999300 with WSP USA Inc. for technical services for the evaluation of the two northern alignments in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report in the amount of \$2,760,752, increasing the total contract value to \$12,405,244; and
- B. Modification No. 1 to Contract No. PS2492300 with Arellano Associates for outreach support for the augmented Community Participation Program as part of the evaluation of the two northern alignments in the Draft EIS/EIR in the amount of \$429,310, increasing the total contract value to \$922,203.

ISSUE

At the May 2018 meeting, the Board took action on the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) northern alignment options (Legistar file 2018-0072). At that time, the Board deferred action on authorizing execution of two contract modifications (Recommendation C) to the June 2018 meeting. Board action is requested in order to execute the contract modifications for technical services and outreach support to proceed with the environmental analysis and remain on schedule per the Measure M groundbreaking date of Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.

BACKGROUND

The WSAB Project is a proposed light rail transit (LRT) line that would extend approximately 20 miles from downtown Los Angeles through southeast Los Angeles County (LA County). South of downtown Los Angeles, a single alignment has been identified following existing right-of-way parallel to the Blue Line owned by Union Pacific, then along Randolph Avenue in the City of Huntington Park using Metro owned right-of-way (ROW), then following the San Pedro Subdivision Branch (owned by Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach), to the eight-mile, Metro-owned, abandoned Pacific Electric ROW to the southern terminus in the City of Artesia. The WSAB Project would traverse a highly populated

area, with high numbers of low-income and heavily transit-dependent residents. A primary goal of the Project is to improve mobility by connecting the communities of southeast LA County with the Metro rail network.

On May 24, 2018, the Board authorized carrying forward into the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) Concept E - Union Station via Alameda Underground and Concept G - Downtown Transit Core Underground. During the item discussion, Director Fasana asked that the environmental document evaluate the feasibility and need to have four (4)-car platforms. The Board deferred action to the June meeting on the recommended contract modifications which would authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute Contract Modification No. 2 to WSP USA Inc. for technical services and Contract Modification No. 1 to Arellano Associates for outreach support.

DISCUSSION

Technical Services Contract Modification No. 2

The execution of Contract Modification No. 2 will allow the contractor to conduct additional analysis to the northern alignments, advance design work, update the technical reports to reflect the approved northern alignments evaluations, and complete the environmental document. This work will also address the additional analysis required in response to Director Fasana's motion.

Outreach Services Contract Modification No. 1

The execution of Contract Modification No. 1 will allow the outreach contractor to continue implementing focused outreach services to the corridor communities in support of the environmental document.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

These actions will not have any impact on the safety of our customers and/or employees because this Project is at the study phase and no capital or operational impacts result from these Board actions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The FY 2017-18 budget includes \$4,507,640 in Cost Center 4370 (Systemwide Team 3), Project 460201 (WSAB Corridor Admin) for professional services. Since this is a multi-year contract, the Cost Center Manager and Chief Planning Officer will be responsible for budgeting in future years.

Impact to Budget

The funding for this Project is from Measure R 35% and SB1 Local Partnership fund. As these funds are earmarked for the WSAB Transit Corridor project, they are not eligible for Metro bus and rail capital and operating expenditures.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could decide not to approve the recommended contract modifications. This alternative is not recommended, as this would impact the Project's environmental clearance schedule and would delay the technical work required on the approved northern alignments and the planned updated scoping meetings to be held in summer 2018.

NEXT STEPS

Upon Board approval, staff will execute the contract modifications with WSP for technical services and with Arellano Associates for outreach support services to continue to perform the necessary environmental analyses and outreach to complete the Draft EIS/EIR.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A-1 - Procurement Summary AE5999300
- Attachment A-2 - Procurement Summary PS2492300
- Attachment B-1 - Contract Modification/Change Order Log AE5999300
- Attachment B-2 - Contract Modification/Change Order Log PS2492300
- Attachment C-1 - DEOD Summary for A-1
- Attachment C-2 - DEOD Summary for A-2

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